WORKS IN PROGRESS

VOLUME 14, NUMBER 2 | THURSTON COUNTY RAINBOW COALITION | JUNE 2003

LEIU Resistance

Drew Hendricks, Olympia Copwatch

On June first, people will gather in Seattle to begin to learn about and discuss the Law Enforcement Intelligence Unit. On June 2, they will seek to shut it down.

Some writers question whether the concern is warranted; a column in The Stranger (Vol 12 No. 35) suggested that the activist community has lost touch with the LEIU's current history and is planning a protest for unclear reasons, against a misunderstood foe. The columnist's confusion is understandable, since the LEIU has no web site of its own and does not appear to have an office or published phone number.

It's hard to get a press release from an "old-boy" network. But ignorance has never stopped The Stranger from publication on any given political topic before...

The capsule history: LEIU was started in California in 1956 by the California Department of Justice to share intelligence data about organized crime, while bypassing John Edgar Hoover's FBI. Hoover had denied the existence of the Mafia, and was notoriously tight with his files. In addition, Hoover's agents were known to steal the credit in cases cracked by local police, and cooperation was at an all-time low between the FBI and local agencies. LEIU arose in this climate, and it prospered.

In the 1960's the LEIU became a clearinghouse of information about VietNam-era radicals and their families. As the country came apart in the late 60's and throughout the 70's, the LEIU served as a way for "red squads" to pass index cards to each other without going through the FBI's computers. This became very important as the FBI's National Crime Information Center (NCIC, begun in January of 1967) was reformed in the wake of the intelligence scandals of that era. (Originally, NCIC was brought out as a way to undercut the LEIU's specialty, for Hoover's benefit.)

As the Senate and House heard testimony about intelligence abuses against Americans who protested the VietNam war, and the President was threatened with impeachment for gross abuse of his power for political gain, the tolerance for "red squads" diminished somewhat, for a short while.

W. Mark Felt, a former Acting Associate Director at FBI Headquarters in Washington, D.C. and Edward S. Miller, former Deputy Associate Director, were convicted in November 1980 of illegally ordering break-ins in the investigation known as WEATHERFUG (Weatherman Fugitives). Both were pardoned by President Ronald Reagan less than five months later, in March of 1981.

Police departments around the country were also called to account for their"red squads", and some cities - like Seattle - passed strong ordinances which required criminal investigations to be predicated on criminal acts and plans, rather than political associations and assumptions. The LEIU became a convenient way to back-channel the information between departments while still claiming that the police did not use the public's funds to maintain political dossiers.

In the 1980's, the LEIU became part of the network which coordinated intelligence about people who opposed Ronald Reagan's policies in Central America. The Committee in Solidarity with the People of El Salvador (CISPES) was targeted in this period by newsletters which used the World Anti-Communist League, The Anti-Defamation League, and the LEIU to pass information about politically left-of-center Americans between police intelligence units all over the United States. In all, the FBI indexed over 2,375 people involved in domestic dissent against the U.S. government's policies in Central America. It is not known how many LEIU indexed; the point of the organization was to escape accountability. Perhaps it still is.

The current LEIU is in full cooperation with the FBI; Hoover has been dead now for thirty years, and the local police in almost every U.S. city are hooked

(continued page 9)

Call to Action: CASCADIA SUMMER 2003

For the Forests!

B. Frank

CASCADIA is the land influenced by the majestic Cascade Mountain Range and the Colombia River, from British Columbia to Northern California. Our region is home to some of the last great wild forests in the world, only a tiny percentage of what once existed in this country.

THE PROBLEM

Over half of Cascadia is federal public land. It is managed by the Forest Service (USFS) and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and exploited as if it were an endless resource solely for private profit. Anyone who has driven through the nearby Gifford Pinchot National Forest or any of our other National Forests in the area has witnessed the catastrophic consequences of this approach. The effects of logging on our land go far beyond the loss of trees. We need healthy forests to hold soil in place preserving fertility and preventing floods, landslides, and the harmful siltation of streams and rivers. Intact forests are critical to ensuring clean water, pure air, abundant wildlife, and ultimately the diversity of species on which all life depends.

This destruction for the sole benefit of the timber industry is massively subsidized by your tax dollars, which pays for the maintenance and expansion of the extraordinary road system which allows access to the timber (it's dozens of times longer than the Insterstate highway system), surveying of new sites for timber sales, and the entire bureaucratic apparatus to administer this destruction of the wild.

The forests are currently facing their greatest challenge in decades. The Bush administration has launched a three-prong assault on the forests of the Northwest, designed to eliminate the meager environmental protections which have slowed – but by no means stopped – the logging of our last ancient forests in the past 10 years. First, Bush's "Healthy Forests Initiative" aims at removing all environmental review for tens of thou-

(continued page 7)

The Road Map

Tom Wright

"The relationship between Israel and Gaza…could be characterized as de-development. De-development …is the deliberate, systematic deconstruction of an indigenous economy by a dominant power…(It) is…designed to ensure that there will be no economic base, even one that is malformed, to support an independent indigenous existence."

-Sara Roy, *The Gaza Strip*, 1995

"I think it may be official now that Rafah is the poorest place in the world. There used to be a middle class here — recently. And then the bulldozers come and take out people's vegetable farms and gardens. What is left for people? Tell me if you can think of anything. I can't".

-Rachel Corrie, Gaza, 2003

April 8, 2003. The startling roar of the American-made F-16 explodes over the rooftops of Gaza City. The fighter jet targets a Subaru in the street and shoots two missiles, killing its two Palestinian occupants, "wanted" by Israel. After a few minutes the street has filled with onlookers and rescue workers. Now the helicopters arrive, firing more missiles into the crowd. Three adults and two children are blown apart. Forty-seven are wounded. Hundreds gather at nearby Shifa hospital, where "women searched screaming through the halls for their children. The wounded included children, women and the elderly." (New York Times). Next day, same again, five more killed in Gaza, including a 16-year old boy. Back in Olympia, Rachel Corrie's hometown newspaper reports none of this.

Gaza stretches for some 28 miles along the sandy eastern shore of the Mediterranean, and at only about 6 miles wide on average, it's a tiny place. A million Palestinians live there, mostly refugees expelled from their villages in what became Israel. Three quarters fall below the UN poverty level, and many have lived out all their days in the squalid refugee camps that became permanent. 6700 Jewish settlers live there too, taking up most of the sea coast and controlling fully half the Gazan territory. This means they each have 84 times more land than Palestinians. They're also allowed to pump 16 times more water, the most precious resource. They dig the deep wells, 3-500 meters, while Palestinians are re-

(continued page 8)

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Works In Progress is a community newspaper sponsored by the Thurston County Rainbow Coalition. Opinions expressed do not necessarily reflect those of the Rainbow Coalition or the Workers In Progress and are solely those of the authors.

Submissions:

Correspondence, articles, art, and photographs are always welcome. Please, when possible, put articles on a 3.5" IBM-compatible disk (text preferred) or via e-mail. Artwork and photos should be camera-ready/ black & white.

WIP reserves the right to publish in whole or part all submissions. For editing purposes, please enclose your phone number.

Articles may be reprinted. Please cite source.

If you don't see your issue being covered in Works In Progress, it's because you aren't writing about it! Or you aren't submitting it!

Send submissions to Works In Progress, PO Box 295, Olympia, WA 98507-0295, <wip@olywa.net>

Back Issues:

Get your catalog of indexed WIPs below. Some back issues are available in the Timberland Library system. WIP is being archived on microfilm by the UW Library.

WORKERS IN PROGRESS

Dave Campbell	Kayden
Chelsea Chase	Margaret Love
Sebastian Chase	Sandy Mayes
Renee Cruickshank	Hali Panneton
Megan Davis	Jeff Sowers
Teresa Jennings	Sylvia Smith
Jerome Johnson	Pat Tassoni

Mission Statement:

"Our aim is to confront injustice and encourage a participatory democracy based on economic, social, and environmental justice. Works In Progress is dedicated to providing a voice for those most affected by the exclusionary and unfair practices that seek to silence the oppressed."

Anti-Discrimination Clause:

We will collectively endeavor to be sensitive and respectful to all those oppressed in this society, and their issues. However, if and when we should make a mistake in this regard, we expect to acknowledge it and to express regret for injury or insult given.

Governing Tool:

The following statement will become part of the Editorial Policy and will be the governing tool for the Anti-Discrimination Clause: *WIP will make every effort to work with the contributor of material considered by WIP to be offensive in order to reach a mutually agreed upon resolution, but WIP reserves the right as a last resort to edit or not print submitted material.*

WIP Schedule

Submission Deadline:

Friday, June 20th

WIP Meeting

Sunday June 22nd

11am, Location TBA

PO Box 295 Olympia, WA 98507
wip@olywa.net * www.olywa.net/wip

Advertising Info

W.I.P. Ads at 493-2876

Inch Rate $7.50
Business Card $25.00*
5" X 5" $75.00
4 Months for the price of 3
Special Non-Profit Rates

Announcements, etc.

Thank you to all the new people who have decided to become part of WIP. We can still use more people. So if you're interested in being a part of WIP contact us today. As always you can reach us at wip@olywa.net or P.O. Box 295 Olympia WA 98507

Public funds for public purposes needs 500 people to come to the june 10th public hearing on the conference center at the olympia center at 7 p.m.

Nearly 14 million of your tax dollars plus $410,000 every year operating costs to go to conference center. An oregon-based corporation named vip's hotels stands to profit, while olympia city pays. It's corporate welfare, folks. Please show up and protest.

Call Phyllis Booth 753-3736 for more information.

14th ANNUAL SUMMER SCHOOL FOR UNION WOMEN

June 25 through June 29,

The Evergreen State College Longhouse, Olympia, WA

With the theme, 'Realizing our Power and Using our Voices', this year's school will look critically at labor and community alliances, the right to organize in the workplace, and how the economy looks to different groups of workers. Some of the featured workshops include Environmental Health and Safety, Organizing through Diversity, Creative Organizing to Mobilize Union Members, and Effective Communication with Practice. Participants will share their personal stories of struggles through poems, music and skits.

Celebration to Make City Purchasing Sweatshop Free

Wednesday, June 25 6-7:30 PM

Traditions Fair Trade, 5th and Water Streets, Olympia

6:00 PM - Social with appetizers and live music.

6:45: Video clip on sweatshops to be shown and presentation of proposed resolution to help Olympia City purchases sweatshop free. The campaign to encourage City adoption will be outlined. The event is free and open to the public. For more information contact Dick Meyer at 705-2819. A copy of the proposed City resolution is attached.

SOUTH SOUND
GREEN PAGES
South Sound's Monthly Environmental Newspaper
Green Pages is a forum for individuals and organizations concerned about the integrity of our environment and the quality of life in our community.
209 East 4th Ave., Suite 206
Olympia, WA 98501
(360) 786-6349
speech@olywa.net www.olywa.net/speech

BEFORE YOU FORGET, GET INVOLVED! (SEE BELOW)

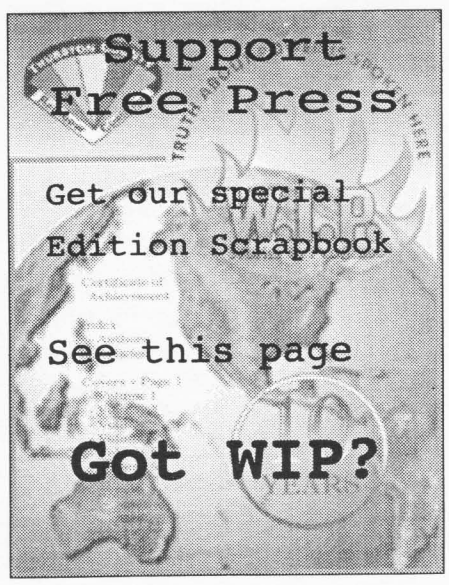
Only You Can Keep WIP Going for Another 13 Years

Subscriptions: ☐ Individual ... $35 ☐ Low-Income ...$15

Merchandise: ☐ WIP Flame LogoT-Shirt . . . $15 each; # _____ size(s)_____

☐ WIP 10-year Retrospective Scrapbook . . . $15 each

☐ Catalog/Index Listing...$1; back issues...$1/each



Support Progressive Journalism

If the corporations aren't paying for it, then you have to!

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Send to: Works In Progress, PO Box 295, Olympia, WA 98507

JUNE 2003

United States of America

An illusion of democracy

- The US ranks 139th in the world in average turnout in national elections since 1945. It's been decades since even half of adults voted in congressional elections in a nonpresidential year.
- The US Senate has great powers but lacks a single African-American or Latino. A random group of 100 Americans would include 25 African-Americans and Latinos.
- During the 2000 election, 13% of black men were barred from voting, contrasted to only 2% of white men.
- The total percentage of women in Congress is stalled at less than 15 percent, and the percentage in state legislatures has declined.
- After blatant incumbent protection in redistricting, only four House incumbents lost to nonincumbent challengers in 2002 - the fewest in history.
- More than 40 percent of state legislative races have been won without major party opposition in each election since 1996.

From: Steven Hill and Rob Richie, "Democracy Unbalanced", The Baltimore Sun; and Bob Fitrakis, "The rise of authoritarianism and the racist drug war", The Free Press.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 1909: Du Bois forms National Negro Committee to agitate for suffrage and an end to racial prejudice (later becomes NAACP)	**2** 1946: Italians vote to abolish the monarchy 2002: Ashcroft denies new surveillance rules could cause excessive spying on US citizens	**3** 1996: Supreme Court upholds military's death penalty 1999: Archbishop forbids gay discussion group at St Michael's	**4** 2002: Senate/House intelligence panel begins inquiry into 9-11; poised to undo restraints on CIA/FBI protecting citizens	**5** 2001: Pentagon fraud agency found to be producing fake documents 2002: Justice Dept to fingerprint visitors from 24+ countries	**6** 2002: Bush proposes Homeland Security 2002: Kevin O & supporters crash environmental forum calling attendees "extremists"	**7** 2002: WA State Patrol to search vehicles boarding ferries 2002: At the World Pork Expo Bush calls for repeal of estate tax
8 2002: California newspaper reports FBI/CIA and Gov Reagan spent years trying to suppress activists at U of California	**9** 1998: Centralia power plant/cola mine for sale 2002: Jimmy Carter to mediate talks between Venezuelan gov and opposition groups	**10** 1999: Gasoline pipeline in Bellingham ignites killing three 2002: Capitol Land Trust buys 25 acres in lower Eld Inlet	**11** 1998: WA Supreme Court strikes down ban on false political ads 1999: Abu-Jamal's speech is played at Evergreen graduation	**12** 1967: Supreme Court ends Virginia ban on interracial marriage 1995: Supreme Court rules affirmative action unconstitutional	**13** 2002: Dirty bomb suspect Padilla to be held indefinitely; no trial 2002: Tuition at Evergreen is to increase fourteen percent	**14** 1999: Seattle Arts Museum to return Matisse stolen by Nazis 2002: Performance audit finds LOTT could cut costs by 13%
15 1998: Supreme Court: state prisons must accommodate disabled 2002: Jury convicts Arthur Anderson of obstruction of justice	**16** 2002: Israel building fence/security system along West Bank 2002: WA DSHS cuts tiny subsidy paid SSI recipients to save $	**17** 17, 2002: US troops draw fire in Philippines 2002: Angry residents pack County Commissioners' meeting regarding O'Sullivan	**18** 2001: Supreme Court upholds Coeur d'Alene tribe's claim to third of Lake Coeur d'Alene 2002: Israel will occupy Palestinian lands	**19** 1964: Civil Rights Act passes the US Senate 2002: US agrees to have US troops hunt Muslim guerillas in Philippines	**20** 1999: Kosovo Liberation Army demilitarized 2002: Supreme Court rules the execution of mentally retarded is unconstitutional	**21** 2002: Judge overturns ban on Nisqually asphalt plant 2002: WA State Patrol ends vehicle searches boarding ferries
22 2000: Report: rethink approval of olestra 22, 2002: Israel promises a "crushing and decisive" response to Palestinian attacks	**23** 1964: Station wagon of 3 missing civil rights workers found 2002: Israel military surrounds Arafat's headquarters	**24** 2002: Thurston County settled dump suit for $8.5 million 2002: Report states humans consuming faster than earth can provide	**25** 2002: Solid Wood veneer plant on West Bay Drive closes 2002: Activist climbs tree to stop Rainier to Satsop pipeline	**26** 2002: Federal Appeals Court rules Pledge of Allegiance unconstitutional; the words "under God" endorsement of religious belief	**27** 2002: Supreme Court rules school vouchers do not violate Constitution; parents can choose between parochial and secular schools	**28** 2002: Vice-President Cheney states the United States could make a pre-emptive strike against a threatening foe
29 2001: IT increases fares 25% 2002: 100,000 rally in support of Venezuela's President Hugo Chavez	**30** 1958: Supreme Court overturns $100,000 contempt fine imposed by Alabama on NAACP for refusing to divulge membership					

Lack of democracy matters, not only in itself but because of its impact on policy. The United States is the most unequal society in the advanced democratic world, with that inequality having glaring racial, ethnic, age and gender dimensions. We are the world's lone remaining superpower, yet suffer from higher rates of poverty, infant mortality, homicide and HIV infection than nearly all other advanced democracies. Steven Hill and Rob Richie

Kolo Healing In Sri Lanka

Linda Malanchuk-Finnan

The following is an Interview with Danica Anderson, a forensic psychotherapist who returned this February from working with refugees in Sri Lanka. She had been invited by UNICEF-Movimondo to work with local NGO professionals such as teachers, social workers, and social mobilizers who work with the large refugee camp populations and many refugee camp-centers. Her goal was to reproduce the success of her trauma healing and counselor training program first developed in Bosnia. She uses Feminist Archetypal Psychology to heal and developed the kolo as a cultural and engendered trauma treatment for women Muslim refugees in Bosnia. Anderson, who is Bosnian-American, began making trips to that war-torn area in 1999. Because of the political "baggage" attached to using any and all of the languages in that region, she had to find "pre-nation state" terms to use in her therapy which would be accepted by those with whom she worked. Kolo is such a word, going back to the earliest civilizations there and meaning a "circle" or "to dance". In the kolo, people are given permission and opportunity, often for the first time, to tell their own stories about what has happened to them as a result of war. Issues of gender violence, ethnic intolerance and war traumas are finally talked about in the culturally-sensitive and supportive kolo circle. In telling their stories and hearing the stories of others, they begin the process of grieving, healing and growing. Taking the process one step further, Danica Anderson developed the Women's Cross Cultural Collaborations as a training model to create lay therapists who continue to reach out on their own. One of the positive outcomes of working with kolo circles for Bosnian women is that many become economically self-sufficient and can leave the "borrowed" homes in cities, villages or camps where they have been forced to live for years (some displaced persons, forced to move to a section of their own ethnicity, are still waiting for their original home to open for their return). Most importantly they are able to teach their families new ways-the peaceable ways that were part of their ancient, proud culture.

Linda: You have been working with Bosnian Muslim refugee women for several years now. What is it you have developed that is making a difference there?

Danica: I developed a trauma treatment program that was inclusive of female human rights, female culture-especially the Slavic/Serbian/Bosnian--and the natural inherent fact that females are the main caregivers of the community, thus healers/therapists.

With so little funding going to mental health, to trauma treatment or'feminine valued' humanitarian and psychological concerns, I wanted to activate a self-sustaining and self-perpetuating program of self-help. I worked with the "throw-aways" or "invisible peoples" meaning women over the ages of 35. Incorporating and centering the process around their daily cups of coffee, and the Bosnian "kolo" (circle or to dance), the women have continued to be in kolos effortlessly now whether or not I am there. Since March 1999, the Sumejja Kolo of Novi Travnik, has gone to other cities and worked with other former Yugoslav women such as the Sebrenica women, and the Amijica women who are war crimes victims, teaching trauma healing methods.

Linda: How did you come to take your work to Sri Lanka?

Danica: My kolo trauma treatment program slowly got recognition with the Helsinki Human Rights in Sarajevo, and with other International NGOs such as Italy's GVC (Government Civilian Service) and EU (European Union). The GVC funded my kolo work in 2000 with the object of conducting training in Psycho-educational Conflict Resolution. The Field Manager from GVC is now stationed in Sri Lanka and wanted my work to be instituted there.

Linda: Where did you go in Sri Lanka and what were the conditions?

Danica: I was in the central part of Sri Lanka, in the ancient capital Anuradhapura about a week or so after the peace/truce was elaborated. I also worked in Vavunija, about 1 hour or so from Anuradhapura, a border town to the North and Tamil area. Most of the refugee camps or what they now term as IDP- Internally Displaced Peoples- are housed near there. After 20 years of civil war, the trauma is deep and violent.

One IDP camp housed 7,000 people (mostly women and children- interesting how they mask this by labeling it 'peoples', internally displaced peoples or uprooted peoples). Living conditions were worse then a dog would live in. Militants swaggering with their guns at check points still in place but no longer used for checking, added to an explosive warrior-ready mentality. Only this year did some of the rice farmers near Vavunija plant their fields after 10 years of being threatened with death if they did so. Most people are war weary and poverty stricken. Poverty is what kills the spirit, the females, and invites incessant wars. Trauma there is intergenerational. The youth unrest feeds the Sri Lanka political situation and war games. Living in refugee camps for over 20 years breeds youth who kill because they have nothing to lose, little to look forward to and have seen little but killing.

Linda: Were there difficulties particular to that setting?

Danica: Yes, the roads going anywhere were grilled from bombs, rains or droughts and the lack of repairs. It made any journey over 30 minutes bone jarring. Pure water is almost nonexistent and precious. Even the ocean nearby is polluted because of the gunboat activity and war. The inability to fish off what used to be a rich shoreline increases the poverty and degrades any promise of economic self-sustainability. No jobs and a collapsed economy with no promise of a future do not ensure peace or peace treaties. The men only know militant and army skills and have no where to go if war is not present in their lives. Often their warrior skills are rained upon their families in lethal methods. Furthermore, I could do nothing without two translators, one Tamil, one Singh, with me at all times in order to communicate. I learned to write down the last sentence I said so as not to lose the thread of my remarks by the time it went through three other people and back to me.

Linda: Who are the volunteers you train?

Danica: The counselor training is for treatment of trauma by the local women, the major caregivers of any community. In Sri Lanka I trained mainly professionals already working with the huge IDP camps and refugee centers, such as social mobilizers, social workers, voc rehab counselors, directors, even lawyers. Some of these people are refugees themselves living in the camps and some live just outside the camps or in villages nearby. These people then train others, especially the women in the refugee centers. In Bosnia, I work with the invisible women of the community directly.

Linda: What kind of training do you give them?

Danica: I train for 12 hours a day; sometimes 16 hours when we are in the field. Fieldwork is where I do a supervised practicum with the kolo lay therapists and see how they do the kolo trauma work. The training lasts a total of 7 weeks. During that time we do various activities to teach or sharpen skills they will need in bearing witness: deep participatory listening, validating the person who has experienced an event for which, until that moment, she or he had no vocabulary for expression. Using the kolo for first person story, art, dance incorporates a holistic approach to the treatment of trauma. It is based on the premise that a person suffering a catastrophic event needs to express it as soon as possible in order to begin healing.

Linda: Did you call it kolo work in Sri Lanka?

Danica: When humanitarian aid organizations employ my work the title is changed to Educational Conflict Resolution. The content, however, is the same. The kolo evolves the situation and is not seduced into solving or resolving situations. It integrates right and left brain hemispheres of the brain to deal with psychological issues, pains of the heart and to express and identify traumatic events, as well as thoughts or beliefs that encourage its perpetuation. (violence-wars-trauma)

(continued next page)

Linda: Do you only train women to be kolo counselors?

Danica: While it is preferred that females are the counselors, in Sri Lanka due to patriarchal constraints of religion and custom I found myself training some males. Most of the social mobilizer and director jobs are offered to males first before females. These men needed intensive training from the women trainees who shared their own wisdom as women. It resulted at times in a labor intensive situation as I had to team each male with a female in order to succeed with the kolo trauma treatment program. Most females bear witness to the first person stories wheras the men figit or cannot focus on the person expressing their life experiences. The results were impressive when those men who went through the training spoke of being filled with remorse and many regrets over past behavior and different understanding as a male. They pointed to the need for feminine conciousness. Such Uteri wisdom, a foundation of the kolo, is present in women both biologically-to the molecular level- and socially. The motherline of life experiences sets the stage for healing from the local family level to the global community. Germane Greer stated that feminism is first person story. The kolo uses the first person story of mothers, grandmothers and daughters surviving the traumas of rape, wars and violence to offer wisdom, healing and a promise of peace.

Linda: How did the women and men respond to your training? To your Feminism?

Danica: Usually the women defended their men and due to their upbringing in various faiths that taught submission and inferiority of females, our sessions included many arguments and gnashing of teeth. The caste system is loosely in place and underlies much of the struggle. I came with literature from their own women such as Kamalini Wijayatilake, author of "Unravelling Herstories," who works for CENWOR- - a women's studies and women's center in Colombo, Sri Lanka and author Sesenke Perers, "Political Violence in Sri Lanka" who offered indisputable proof of females' dire status. Julie Mertus critical study of the Balkans and suitcase refugees also added in the factor of the sexism of some humanitarian agencies. Sometimes the aide moneys never reach the women and children. Yet when it does, the little it may be goes farther and deeper than the standard modes of operating which often distributes through males. One trainee was a Buddhist priest and our social discourses on the interactions of women and men were sometimes shocking to the other trainees but encouraged a wide lens for their situation that included females.

Feminism is often labeled, devalued and tossed away by females almost more then males. Many women are quick to speak of how they are not feminist and prefer not to use the "F" word in Bosnia and in Sri Lanka. I am stunned at how they shun feminism. I believe it is due in large part to their valid fear of becoming targets of real violence should they begin to act and speak their own mind.

One young man, a social mobilizer, voiced a common male response when asked about the dire birth statistics showing female infanticide practices. He stated he didn't know. It is incredible how men feign ignorance when I ask how it is they do not notice the mass murder of females, female infants, catastrophic rape statistics, the molesting on buses where women are unsafe to venture alone? How is it that the men do not notice? And I asked the women how is it they pretend to not notice in their defense of men?

Linda: What do you think will be the response of the refugees to your newly-trained counselors?

Danica: In the field there the response was heartfelt and deep. I wept and they wept. So far the monthly reports are very favorable. The IDP's report relief that someone at last is listening to their first person story and that it is healing for them. UNICEF/ Movimod, which keeps the statistics because they administer the camps, tells me that the Sri Lankan lay therapists have provided the kolo trauma treatment program to over 6,000 Sri Lankans in IDPs, and remote villages between February and April 24 of this year.

Linda: What differences (if any) were there between Sri Lanka and Bosnia?

Danica: It was not much different, just poorer, and the females are dead not just physically and statistically but in their eyes. They are exhausted from all the incessant violence and seemed resigned to death as a welcome relief from their poverty and low status as a female.

Linda: What did you learn/appreciate since you put so much of yourself into the Kolo training work?

Danica: I appreciate that I do this for myself. That I can go to sleep at night or look my children in the eye and say "I am working to make this world a place of peace and inclusive of females and the feminine by my own small acts." At 48, I can be aware and see how whatever we have been doing up until this point has not worked. To face this and know that I cannot change the world, only myself has been an incredible gifting. The other gifting is feeling the sister kinship with the women and their families I have worked with. Witnessing their lives is sacred to me and fills me with awe, wonder and love. It is incredible to me to see how the kolo rings and circles out so abundantly and is so much more than the sum of its parts.

Linda: What can women here do to help?

Danica: Stop being passive. Stop waiting for permission to do something or thinking that whatyou feel or do is not important. The small act of housekeeping, sweeping the ash from the street in war torn countries is great activism. Women in Bosnia were threatened with violence and death for doing so. Raising children with love is another great act of activism. Knowing female culture and female humanity is critical to ecology and to peace. Exercising our vote, being active members in sister kinship oganizations such as NOW and others are all helpful. It is us 'average' women who change the world, not the powers that be.

Linda: What can men do to help?

Danica: Be responsible for their lives and respond to life. Take accountability for their preferred gender in the patriarchal society we live in. Face not just what the war wreaked on the women, children and themselves but for how many generations has this gone on? Be conscious of their participation in the status quo-all forms of violence-with their preferred male status right down to expecting dinner when he arrives home while his wife arrives home to work another shift. In Sri Lanka the main obstacle was the utter denial by the men that such things-the violence-happen so often and then their male defensive postures. Since men economically are able to do more with their money, donations for the kolo work is another way men can help.

Both women and men must be accountable. Small acts are the agent of accountability. A person can change only her or himself. The world is changed when people change themselves. When you are the agent for small acts you are being accountable for your life and your community, and ultimately our world.

Danica Anderson lives in Olympia and can be contacted at danicakolo@attbi.com or 455-4701. She will be returning to Bosnia and Sri Lanka in June of this year. If you would like to help the Kolo project, the wonderful women of Novi Travnik, Bosnia, and the refugees in Sri Lanka, donations can be sent to The Kolo: Women's Cross Cultural Collaborations, 7638 58th Ave NE, Olympia, WA 98516.

Linda Malanchuk-Finnan is a feminist, social justice activist and the Thurston County NOW president.

Cartridge Care Inc.

PRINTERS, FAX, COMPUTERS & COPIERS
- QUALITY REPAIR, SALES & SERVICE
- QUICK RESPONSE ON-SITE SERVICE
- TONERS, FILM & INKJETS
- REMANUFACTURED & NEW

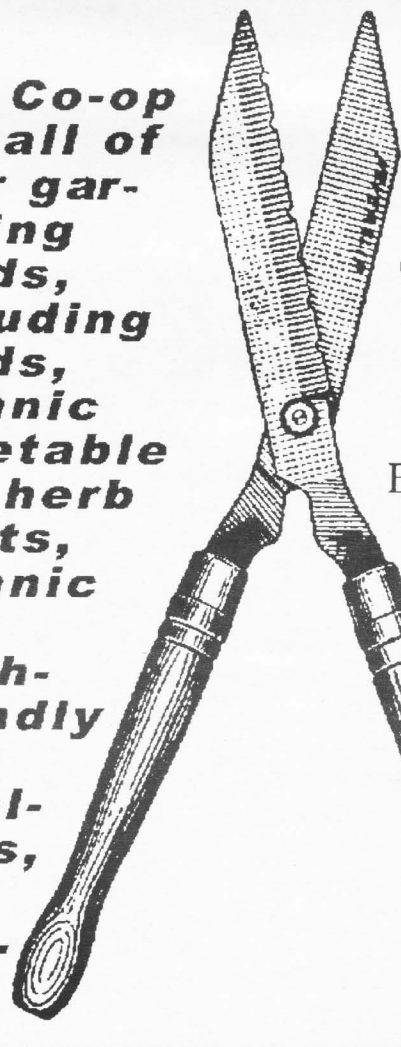
360-459-8845

THE PRINTER EXPERTS
1314 LEBANON ST SE LACEY

Olympia Food Co-op

The Olympia Food Co-op

The Co-op has all of your gardening needs, including seeds, organic vegetable and herb starts, organic soil, earth-friendly pest repellants, and more.



Westside Co-op
921 N. Rogers St.
754-7666
Open 9-8 daily

Eastside Co-op
3111 Pacific Ave SE
956-3870
Open 9-9 daily

Member-Owned and Collectively Managed through Consensus Decision Making

The Next Targets

Erich Albrecht

The question of who is next on the Bush administration's list of countries to be militarily attacked has been on the minds of many. The US economy has been in constant decline since 2000. This is mostly due to the overproduction and volatility inherent in the deregulated capitalist structure under which the US operates, and partly due to the competition created by the euro. The ideologues actively involved developing the Bush administration's policies have long desired to go to war with Iraq as a way to implement a "New World Order." This is their answer to securing US economic dominance for the future.

The basic plans for a Pax-Americana are spelled out by the Project for a New American Century, a right-wing think tank established in the mid-90's by numerous figures currently in the Bush administration, in their September 2000 report entitled "Rebuilding America's Defenses." The plan for a Pax-American is nothing short of a global empire enforced by overwhelming military strength and presence reaching across the planet. The plan has colonialist implications in its desire to open the world to unchecked economic opportunity by transfering US soldiers into other countries to allow selected transnational corporations to abstract resources from their land to be sold on the international market. These men truly seem to believe they, and only they, can bring democracy to the world through unilateral military force. The plans go well beyond the invasion and occupation of Iraq.

Iran

Iraq is the only OPEC nation to make the change to euros for oil, but the euro has begun to gain some momentum within OPEC. Iran, another country in Bush's "axis of evil," has shown interest in moving to the euro. On December 29, 2001, Iran News called for a switch to the euro for all trade by declaring "The euro could become our currency of choice." The same month an Iranian oil ministry official said that Iran "could change [to the euro] in the future." Iran is yet to begin accepting euros for oil but during 2002 the majority of reserve funds in Iran's central bank have been converted into euros. It could only be a matter of time before Iran begins accepting euros for oil.

Occupation of Iraq gives the US an opportunity to increase pressure on Iran using a variety of different methods. One method the US has used is to directly threaten action against Iran. In a speech to American Israel Public Affairs Committee, Colin Powell warned Iran to "end its support for terrorism, including groups violently opposed to Israel" and to "stop pursuing weapons of mass destruction and the means to deliver them." Powell told CNN in March, "Iran is much further along, with a far more robust nuclear weapons development program than anyone said it had." He may get his wish as Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld has already warned Iran that the entrance of Badr Brigade fighters, an armed wing of the Tehran-based Supreme Council of the Islamic Revolution in Iraq, would be considered "a threat to coalition forces," reported Reuters March 28. The Bush administration fears they will incite revolt against US forces and the interim government in order to establish Iraq as an "Iranian-style Islamic Republic."

Some believe that the US will respond by invading Iran, living up to the challenges of a British official that said: "Everyone wants to go to Baghdad. Real men want to go to Tehran." Important US ally, Israel's Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, has openly declared to the Times of London last November that he hopes the US will "attack Iran once they are finished with Iraq." It is more likely the US will use cover operations to attempt regime change in Iran. William Kristol a leading neo-conservative strategist, strongly tied to the Bush administration, wrote in The Weekly Standard: "The next great battle will not be, we hope, a military battle for Iran." This explains the Bush administration's ceasefire agreement with the Iraq-based Iranian group, the Mujahideen Khalq (MKO).

Image by Allen Zimmerman
Evil Is As Evil Does

The US is likely to assist the MKO with their goal of overthrowing the Iranian regime, even though they are on the US State Department's list of terrorist organizations. Saddam Hussein supported the MKO for over 20 years from inside Iraq after the 1979 Islamic revolution in Iran. It conducted many attacks on the Iranian military during the Iran-Iraq war (1980-88) as well as many assassination and bombing operations since.

The US influence in the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) combined with the direct military occupation of Iraq is likely to cause Iran to increase its military procurement, as is already possible if Iran is truly developing a nuclear weapons program. The GCC was established in 1981, bringing together the six monarchies within the Persian Gulf: Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and Oman. Middle East scholar Stephen Zunes writes in his book Tinderbox: US Middle East Policy and the Roots of Terrorism, "the stronger the US military presence and the stronger the American strategic ties are with the GCC, the more likely Iran will feel threatened," providing "a convenient excuse by Iran for further militarization." The fact that US troops are currently stationed in all GCC countries and all except possibly Saudi Arabia were used for deployment of troops in the invasion of Iraq, further legitimizes Iran's fear that they may be next.

"The plan for a Pax-American is nothing short of a global empire enforced by overwhelming military strength and presence reaching across the planet"

Venezuela

Another likely OPEC candidate to switch to the euro is Venezuela, whose President Hugo Chavez increasingly threatens to shut American companies out. Venezuela is the fourth largest producer of oil. Since being elected into office Chavez has endured two coup attempts, widely believed in Latin America to have been backed by the US. According to an article by Michael Ruppert, the first failed coup attempt occurred approximately one year after Venezuela's ambassador, Francisco Mieres-Lopez, presented the idea of switching to the euro as their oil currency. This, along with Chavez's initiatives to free OPEC from American influence by strengthening unity among OPEC members, has certainly created concern for those tied to the Bush administration that desire to privatize Venezuela's oil industry. In August 2000, Chavez visited Baghdad where he convinced Iraq of the importance of maintaining OPEC production quotas to prevent a drop in prices. He also visited Iran and Indonesia on the same trip.

Chavez has further angered US officials by engaging in oil barter deals with 13 nations. For example Venezuela gave oil to Cuba in exchange for Cuban health paramedics setting up clinics in rural Venezuela. If other developing nations were to follow Venezuela's example and begin to barter their commodities they could effectively cut the US dollar out of the global monetary cycle. Further angering the US, Venezuela has recently exchanged some of their dollar reserves for euros.

Another interesting aspect to the situation in Venezuela is that in late March, according to a Z Net article by Justin Podur, "the Colombian army is engaging in 'cross-border terrorism', attacking Venezuela." Colombia is the third largest recipient of US military aid in the world, and since the election of right-wing President Alvaro Uribe has begun actively training the Colombian military to fight guerrilla insurgents. Colombian analyst Hector Mondragon among others has stressed for years that Colombia's civil war will be used to militarize the region, targeting Venezuela in particular. Colombian officials have accused Chavez of harboring guerrilla fighters as justification for their cross-border attacks. Chavez's response was to bomb an area along the border, where he said he "detected the presence of a group." These raids could be Colombia's attempt to export its own civil war to Venezuela to eventually encourage a US intervention in the conflict, which could serve the interests of both Bush and Uribe regimes.

Saudi Arabia

Longtime US ally Saudi Arabia, OPEC member and home of over a quarter of the world's proven oil reserves, is undergoing a change in relationship with the US. According to the book *Behind the Invasion of Iraq* by the Research Unit for Political Economy, Saudi Arabia is "the United States' largest market for weapons, the largest supplier of oil to the United States (at a special discount to boot), and the source of up to $600 billion of investments in the United States." Through the Vinnell corporation the US is responsible for having trained the Saudi Arabian National Guard (SANG), which protects the Saudi royal family and protects oil fields, refineries and pipelines. The Saudi monarchy maintains control through an incredibly strict and repressive version of orthodox Islamic law that rejects most Western values, known as Wahhabi, while having a liberal policy towards economic and military cooperation with the US.

A recent visible step in the changing relationship between the two governments was seen at the end of April when US Secretary of Defense announced that he will withdraw all but a few hundred training personnel from the approximately 10,000 troops stationed in Saudi Arabia., From the point of view of the Saudi rulers, the removal of US troops will soothe growing hostilities among broad segments of the population. Rumsfeld has stated that the purpose of the move is to ease US tensions with the Muslim world, pointing out that the presence of US troops in the Islamic "holy land" was one of the major grievances by Osama bin Laden and the al-Qaeda network.

Tensions between the US and Saudi Arabia originated after it was discovered that 15 of the 19 September 11th suicide hijackers were Saudis. In an American court a $3 trillion lawsuit has been brought against several Saudi institutions and charities, as well as three members of the royal family, accusing them of funding terrorist groups. London's Financial Times reported on August 8, 2002 that the Saudis responded by withdrawing $200 billion from the US. As documented by reporter Greg Palast, the Bush administration made numerous efforts to block any investigation into the Saudi's involvement con-

(continued next page)

cerning the September 11 attacks. But this was before the US had established Central Command at a base in Qatar, and long before the US was occupying Iraq, giving them unconditional use of Iraq's military facilities and control over their oil. US policy towards Saudi Arabia is shifting towards the advice of a presentation given on June 10 by the RAND Corporation to the Defense Policy Board, entitled "Taking Saudi out of Arabia." The briefing called for the US to confront the House of Saud for its support of terrorism, using US troops to seize oil fields and eventually replacing the Saudi royal family with the Hashemite monarchy.

On May 13 it was reported by the Associated Press that prior to a visit from US Secretary of State Colin Powell, suicide bombers inside Riyadh, the Saudi capital, coordinated an attack that killed 10 Americans and dozens of others. Some of those targeted were Vinnell Corporation employees. Vinnell, which has been training the SANG since 1975, is a subsidiary of the second largest US weapons manufacturer, the Northrop Grumman Corporation. As William D. Hartung of the World Policy Institute writes, Vinnell's work in Saudi Arabia is an example of how "unaccountable private firms have become a central tool in US foreign policy. With Vinnell's assistance SANG forces have tripled to 75,000, and according to GlobalSecuity.org have included 25,000 tribal volunteers. It is believed al-Qaeda forces committed the attacks. Vinnell was also targeted by Islamic extremists in a November 1995 attack on the SANG headquarters.

These recent attacks may be an example of more to come as Islamist forces begin to stir in the Saudi Kingdom. In an attempt to stay in the US's good graces the Saudi's may try to hunt down Islamic militants. This may receive violent backlash from certain groups within the population, who desire to overthrow the Saudi government, which could lead to the possibility that SANG forces, with Vinnell's help, will attempt to purge the population of threats to the royal family.

The US is likely to respond one of four ways: The first is that they would do nothing and allow the chaos to weaken the Saudi monarchy. Another possibility is that they would support the SANG, either publicly or covertly, in their mission to protect the Saudi monarchy. The third possibility is the US will covertly sponsor an opposition group inside of Saudi Arabia. It is likely this group will come from disloyal members of the SANG that US intelligence has made good relations with through Vinnell. The final response to an outbreak of civil war within Saudi Arabia will be that the US will use it as justification to send troops, conveniently stationed in Iraq, Qatar and Kuwait, to secure Saudi oil fields.

Another way the US may help to bring about conflict is with the pressure applied on Saudi Arabia to sever their ties with Hamas and other Palestinian organizations. According to Asia Times "It is an open secret that personal funds of princes and individual donations by rich Saudi sheiks are the main source of finance for the Palestinian intifada." This would anger the population, giving them another reason to view the Saudi government as subservient to the US. Also interesting, according to an April 15, 2002 Oil and Gas International, is that some in Saudi Arabia have called for a switch to the euro as an "effective punishment for the United States, Israel's principal source of financial and political support."

Syria

The Bush administration has already compelled Syria to sever its links with the Lebanese Hezbollah, Hamas and Islamic Jihad -- Palestinian groups responsible for attacks inside Israel. Syria has been accused by the US, over the last couple of months, of assisting the Iraqi military during the war, harboring escaped Iraqi officials, developing weapons of mass destruction and sponsoring terrorism. Since occupying Iraq, the US has cut off oil from Iraq into Syria. While some believe the US will invade Syria, it is not likely, since Syria has no oil. It is more likely the US will apply pressure on Syria to cancel all terrorist support, root out militants, and accommodate Israeli demands of giving up rights to a certain part of the occupied Golan Heights.

There will also be pressure applied by Washington for Syria to liberalize their economy, mainly because Israel wants to restart an oil pipeline that once transferred oil from Mosul, Iraq, passing through Syria into Haifa, Israel. According to an Asia Times article by Hooman Peimani, "regime change in both Iraq and Syria is the prerequisite for the project." The US has interests in the project and other pipelines from Iraq through Syria so they can ship oil out through the Mediterranean Sea, instead of the more distant and dangerous Persian Gulf.

North Korea

Another interesting detail in the current international relations crisis is that, according to a BBC report, North Korea the final country in the "axis of evil" effectively dropped the dollar, and began using euros for trade on December 7, 2002. Because North Korea has no oil and few exports, their switch will have little economic impact, but it does show the lack of success Bush's threats have had at making them compliant. Bush has placed North Korea in the "axis of evil," threatened to "preemptively" strike them with nuclear weapons, and cut off the food and oil aid that was part of an agreement made with President Clinton in 1994 to cease their nuclear weapons program. North Korea's response to this has been to restart development of nuclear weapons.

Some believe North Korea will be the next victim of US military aggression. This is not likely, considering North Korea's military strength and the risk involved for US allies South Korea and Japan. North Korea has more than a million-strong military and an arsenal stocked with missiles that could destroy much of Seoul or Tokyo. Many analysts believe that North Korea could have nuclear weapons built in months, if they don't already. Furthermore, South Korea, Japan, China and Russia all prefer for the situation to be handled diplomatically.

Cascadia Summer (continued)

sands of acres of timber sales designated as fire risks. The logic is simply Orwellian: we can only save the environment from fire by removing all environmental protection.

Second, Bush has announced his intention to do away with the Survey and Manage protocols created by Clinton under the Northwest Forest Plan (NWFP). This means the USFS will no longer have to check for the presence of hundreds of threatened animals and plants before tearing a forest to the ground. Third, Bush is planning on drastically scaling back the Aquatic Conservation Strategy of the NWFP, the most fundamental protections for our endangered salmon and watersheds. Without Survey and Manage and the Aquatic Conservation Strategy, the few environmental standards for the Northwest created during the Clinton administration will for all practical purposes cease to exist.

THE SOLUTION

We are facing a summer of Lawless Logging, a marathon run for the quick buck while Bush is in the White House. We're going to need your help: all that remains between the chainsaws and our last ancient forests is going to be us, our allies, and the growing roar of active resistance. Cascadia Summer is shaping up to be the greatest mobilization of direct action since the World Trade Organization protests in 1999; the forests are going to need it.

Cascadia Summer is an invitation to help defend our forests and to create a revolution in the way we live our lives. If you long to do more than write a congressperson or appeal to some far off bureaucratic agency, this is your chance to get involved. We will be engaging in a wide range of tactics from civil disobedience (tree-sits, road blockades, occupations of corporate and government offices, etc.), public outreach in urban and rural areas, lawsuits and political pressure.

Throughout the summer trainings will continually be offered in the skills necessary to be an activist: whether you're an experienced politico looking to expand your toolkit or a newcomer to activism wanting to learn the basics, Cascadia Summer is an amazing opportunity to learn, network, and share ideas. We run on a non-hierarchical, directly democratic decision-making structure – if you've ever wanted the experience of working with others on something truly important, this is a great chance. And if you're looking to get involved in direct action, there's going to be plenty of that too.

One last thing: Cascadia Summer's mission includes a broader vision of a world free from all forms of oppression. We stand firmly against the corporate governance system controlling our country, patriarchy in all its forms, racism, war, the attack on civil liberties, etc., etc. and will be working all summer in solidarity and supportive roles with our comrades within the broader social movement.

This is our home. This is public land. As the jaws of the corporate industrial complex clamp tighter around all that is vibrant, all that is wild, all that resists being tamed, we invite you to share in our part of the struggle. Your support is needed-now more than ever. Join us for a day, a week, a month, or the season!

Cascadia Summer's website is cascadiasummer.org; there you'll find dozens of pages featuring events calendars, a review of forest issues, photo galleries, ways you can get involved, and lots more.

Locally, Olympia Earth First! is here to answer your questions and help you get plugged in. Contact us anytime for more info: 870-1219,
olympiaef@ziplip.com, or
olynetwork.com/olympiaef

Local and Regional
Events Calendar:

Friday May 30th – June 2nd Mt. Hood National Forest Action Camp in the Solo Timber Sale. A weekend of trainings and preparation for direct action in Northern Oregon. Contact Cascadia Forest Alliance for more info (503) 241-4879 and directions. Contact us for carpool info!

Friday June 6th 7pm 116 N. Perry St. The Gourmet Secret Café! A benefit for Cascadia Summer.

Saturday June 7th All Afternoon @ Heritage Park: In-depth all levels tree climbing trainings!

Saturday - Thursday, June 7th - 12th Northern California: Salmon River Action Camp. Trainings and preparations for actions in Northern California and Southern Oregon. For more info call (503) 957-5572 or email bwsisq@yahoo.com

Sunday June 8th 4pm @ 101 N. Rogers: The Industrial Workers of the World (IWW) / Olympia Earth First! BBQ!! Labor and enviros together – bring food to grill! Climbing trainings all day too!

VIC'S PIZZERIA

233 DIVISION ST NW (360) 943-8044
Ana makes a lovely vegan sauce!

The Road Map (Continued)

stricted to 100 meters, and no new Arab wells are allowed. The water supply is overused, which means the sea water is breaching the freshwater aquifer, and salinity levels are dangerously high. The water is further contaminated by sewage runoff, as 80% of Palestinians have an extremely inadequate sewage system, and 10% have none at all.

All of the Israeli settlers there, and all of the land and water confiscated for their use, are in violation of the Fourth Geneva Convention and Security Council resolutions that are not enforced, at U.S. insistence.

The soldiers of the Israeli Occupation Forces are not encountered face to face in Gaza, as they more often are in the West Bank. They are hidden inside the sniper towers, inside tanks, helicopters, bulldozers. The tanks shoot at people's homes every night, and the bulldozers come without end, demolishing house after house. 600 homes leveled just in the town of Rafah in the past 30 months. In the early morning of May 1, they demolished 8 homes in Rafah, then went on to destroy the electrical, communications and sewage networks in the area.

The same night—at 2 a.m.—dozens of heavy military vehicles attacked the al-Shojaeya neighborhood in Gaza City. Who in this country saw what happened on their TV? Who in the country that paid for it read the names of the dead in their newspapers? They roared into the neighborhood as everyone slept, bringing the bulldozers to simply tear down walls of houses so they could move from one house to another. They took positions on rooftops and opened fire on the neighborhood.

Ameer Ahmed 'Ayad Someone's two-year old boy. Killed by bullets to the chest and abdomen.

Mohammed Nasser al-Dahdouh, age 13, and Ahmed Ramadan al-Tatar, age 13, both killed by bullets to the chest and abdomen. Baker Subhi Muhaisen, 41, a disabled man, killed by a bullet in the chest. Eight killed in all, 37 others wounded, and the ambulances prevented from reaching them.

Israelis die too. Sometimes the Occupation forces get killed, sometimes the settlers, but in this uprising the overwhelming majority have been innocent civilians going about their daily life inside Israel. They have names too. Jewish parents wail inconsolably at their children's funerals too. In the U.S., certainly in most media coverage, the Israeli victims are easier for us to identify with. They are more similar to us culturally, but it's not just that. It's also that we can see that they were murdered intentionally, *as civilians*. And Israel's killings of Palestinians just don't *seem* to be the same. Even if Israel is simply *willing* to kill civilians in the process of targeting 'militants', isn't that less of a crime than killing them intentionally? I think this perception is what allows Americans to distance themselves from Israel's actions, and our responsibility for it.

But I think the perception is a false one, for several reasons. First, because Israel does kill civilians intentionally, and they do it all the time. Countless human rights reports accuse them of "wanton" killing of civilians—it just never gets reported here. And we've all heard the lurid details of the suicide bombers using explosives packed with shrapnel, an extreme of cruelty, designed to shred people's bodies. But who has heard of Israel's use of "flechette anti-personnel tank shells," which "launch thousands of small metal darts over an area approximately 300m long and 100m wide?" Israel uses them indiscriminately in civilian areas, killing many Palestinians, including children. The Israeli Supreme Court just upheld their use, although they violate international humanitarian law. Anything morally superior here, compared to the suicide bomber? As long as it never gets reported, we never have to confront it.

But there's more to say on this question of culpability. In December, 2001, Arafat declared "a complete cessation of military activities, especially suicide attacks", expending great political capital in persuading the Islamist groups to abide by it. But in the three weeks the Palestinian side halted attacks, Ariel Sharon "mounted sixteen invasions into (Palestinian) territories and killed twenty-one Palestinians, eleven of them children", journalist Graham Usher reported. They also assassinated a Fatah military leader, Ra'ed Karmi, on January 14, ending Arafat's commitment to the cease-fire and inaugurating the bloodiest period since the 1967 occupation, with 275 Palestinians and 105 Israelis killed in the month of March alone. Again in July, 2002, the two top Hamas leaders in Gaza said the group "would end its attacks on Israeli civilians if Israel withdrew from the West Bank Palestinian cities, freed recently detained Palestinian prisoners, and ended its policy of assassinations" (Usher). The *next day* Israel dropped a one-ton bomb on an apartment block in Gaza, killing a top Hamas leader who had supported the cease-fire, and (incidentally) killing nine children and five adult civilians. Hamas retaliated with two suicide bombs that left seventeen Israelis dead.

It's an open secret that Ariel Sharon benefits from the suicide bombings. They are deadly, but not on a scale that could ever threaten the state. But they are useful too, which is why Israel sabotages the cease-fires. They provide the excuse Israel needs to employ its own violence, and you need to use a lot of violence if you mean to dispossess an entire people of its land. That is, after all, what Israel has been doing, methodically and relentlessly, for the last half century. By now it is very far along in the process of the destruction of Palestinian society.

Enter the Road Map. America's new plan for a "two state solution". No doubt the average US citizen, heavily sedated by decades of propaganda from the Free Press and the ecucational system, will assume only the noblest intentions from Washington. But one should forgive the average Palestinian for a certain skepticism. Here, after all, is the country which used its Security Council veto, as far back as 1976, to block a PLO-backed offer for a two-state solution. Which from the 1970s undertook to finance and protect the vast network of illegal Israeli settlements in the Occupied Territories, vetoes every international effort to prevent their expansion, and vetoes even the dispatch of unarmed observers to protect Palestinians—but now here we come with a plan for a two-state solution.

So take a look. Road Map, Phase I. "The Palestinians immediately undertake an unconditional cessation of violence…such actions should be accompanied by supportive measures undertaken by Israel. Palestinians and Israelis resume security cooperation…to end violence, terrorism, and incitement through restructured and effective Palestinian security services." Anyone looking for symmetry here will be disappointed. Violence and terror are by definition Palestinian, and the very method proposed for ending violence is to use more of it, but only against the Palestinians. This is the plain translation of the bland euphemism "through…effective Palestinian security services".

"It's an open secret that Ariel Sharon benefits from the suicide bombings... They provide the excuse Israel needs to employ its own violence, and you need to use a lot of violence if you mean to dispossess an entire people of its land"

Never is Israel called upon to "end violence". It is asked to refrain from any "attack on civilians", in accordance with last year's U.S.-sponsored Tenet work plan. Unacknowledged is Israel's retention of the right to "targeted killing", of "militants". Needless to say, the Palestinians receive no such right to attack Israeli militants.

Next, "Arab states cut off public and private funding and all other forms of support for groups supporting and engaging in violence and terror." The U.S. doesn't have to stop sending the F-16s and attack helicopters to Israel.

So the weaker party is to disarm completely. Then the Bush plan calls for Palestinians to "hold free, open, and fair elections", "in the context of open debate and transparent candidate selection (in an) electoral campaign based on a free, multiparty process." (Maybe Florida could send monitors!) The whole point here is to pretend that a lack of Palestinian commitment to liberal Western values is the root of the problem. The farce reaches truly operatic proportions as the "road map" goes on to insist that the Palestinians must "build a practicing democracy based on tolerance and *liberty"* while living under a military occupation. The U.S. media also reported with a straight face as Bush insisted on the selection of Road Map-supporting Mahmoud Abbas as prime minister as a prerequisite to this 'democracy", although his stance earns him a whopping 3% support in polls.

The Palestinians are then to be rewarded for good behavior with the "option" of an "independent Palestinian state with provisional borders and attributes of sovereignty".

Eventually a Permanent Status Agreement is promised.

The Palestinians remember the last time they were asked to go along with a set of phased negotiations: it was the 1993-2000 Oslo Peace Process. And although our media won't report it, Palestinians are perfectly well aware that Israel used those years to *double* the West Bank settlements. And to build 250 miles of Jewish-only highways that divided the Palestinians into tiny disconnected Apartheid-style bantustans. Then they heard Israel's own offer of a Final Solution. Abandon your claim to your right of return, (although it is enshrined in international law), accept that nearly all the settlements will remain, and that we will forever encircle and control your tiny hamlets within an Israeli West Bank and Gaza. We will control your use of the land, your access to water, your imports and exports, your borders and your airspace forever. Jerusalem, the center of Palestinian life, will remain ours, even the Haram al-Sharif, Islam's third holiest shrine, and we will continue the city's ethnic cleansing as we wish.

So you get the idea about the 3% support for the Road Map. Call this what it is. Rachel Corrie saw it, and she named it. She said "I'm witnessing this chronic, insidious genocide." We can close our eyes, and pretend we don't see. But we are all implicated.

Tom Wright directed the 1997 documentary *Checkpoint: The Palestinians After Oslo.* He lives in Olympia, Washington.

National Security? Why Not TRUE Security?

Glen Anderson

TRUE security can't be won by weapons. It's rooted in social and economic justice, civil liberties, a vibrant democracy, a healthy environment, and humane values.

The American people are afraid of terrorists.

But they also have deep, troubling fears about the crumbling economy, the loss of civil liberties, the deteriorating environment, and the future our kids and grandkids will inherit.

The Bush regime is escalating the first kind of fears deliberately and the second set of fears unwittingly.

Bush's so-called "war on terrorism" fails to address the underlying causes of terrorism. Instead, the Bush regime exploits the September 11 attacks to frighten the American people into supporting more militarism, giving up our constitutional rights, and letting the government claim dictatorial powers – all in the guise of "protecting" us. Militaristic and repressive reactions only turn more people into enemies and escalate the cycle of violence.

When the public opposed attacking Iraq without actual evidence, the Bush regime lied about evidence in order to frighten people into supporting his war.

In short, the Bush regime is escalating and manipulating the American people's fears in order to increase its own power and serve the US's global empire.

But ironically, while the Bush regime promotes militarism and the centralization of power as solutions to the things that frighten people, these are actually the root causes of people's real fears in the first place!

On the other hand, the public really is justified in fearing for their economic security, health security, environmental security, civic security, etc. Current and anticipated laws and policies are pushing most Americans downward, threatening our retirement plans, reducing our access to health care, worsening our quality of life, degrading our food supply, ruining our environment, restricting the media, corrupting our political processes, and so forth.

This is not a partisan rant about a particular administration, but rather a hard look at changes that have been accumulating over a few decades, including the Clinton years. Clinton, after all, maintained the brutal and deadly Iraq economic sanctions, illegally called large parts of Iraq "no fly zones" and bombed them repeatedly, bombed several other countries illegally, dismantled the welfare safety net, vastly expanded the death penalty and reduced defendants' appeal rights, promoted horribly undemocratic "free trade" agreements, etc. Such trends were well underway before the Bush regime accelerated the pace of these abuses and carried them out more brazenly than ever before.

In any debate, whoever frames the terms of the debate has a tremendous advantage. If security means more guns and wiretapping, then Bush is providing security, so anyone who disagrees becomes defined as a threat to public security because "you're either with us or against us."

However, if the peace and progressive movements can show where Americans' feelings of insecurity really come from, then we can re-define TRUE security, promote progressive alternatives, take the moral and political high ground, and win the public over to our side!

The peace movement and multi-issue progressive movements can support each other toward common goals.

People want security, but we can't gain TRUE security through wars and sacrificing our civil liberties. TRUE security must be based on peace, social and economic justice, a sustainable environment, a vibrant democracy, civil liberties for everyone, and many other progressive values.

Let's help the American people see that the familiar policies of militarism, dominance and greed are a sham being foisted upon us. Let's empower the American people to reject that false notion of security and affirm the deeper, more profound kind of TRUE security. Let's collaborate with a wide range of allies in a strong movement so the American people can choose a peaceful, just and sustainable future.

Progressive movements for peace, social justice, economic justice, healthy environments, etc., offer positive alternatives that can actually solve the problems. We progressives can relieve people's fears and increase their TRUE security.

Sometimes our movements debate whether to work on a wide range of progressive issues versus focus our energies on a specific issue (*e.g.*, Iraq). If we reframe the unifying issue in the overall context of providing TRUE security, we can connect at this more profound level, so all progressives become allies rather than competitors. **A multi-faceted campaign for TRUE security can unite and support all peace and progressive movements!**

It can also unite the broad American public across many social and political categories (age, religion, race, class, occupation, political spectrum, etc.) into an electoral majority. Current policies threaten everyone's security, but progressive alternatives offer TRUE security for the American people. This bottom-up approach deals with many kinds of security, including (but not limited to):

- **Economic security:** Job security, living wages, job safety, cures for poverty, help during hard times, protection from child labor, secure retirement income, etc.
- **Food security:** Safe and nutritious food, locally grown food, freedom from hunger, etc.
- **Health security:** Access to affordable health care, respectful treatment, choices in health care options, focus on preventing diseases, strong public health services, etc.
- **Environmental security:** Sustainable ecosystems, enough water, clean water, clean air, freedom from toxics, healthy forests, land use planning for sustainability, etc.
- **Personal security:** Thoughtful and sensitive policies and services for domestic violence, child abuse, gender issues, human dignity, substance abuse, etc.
- **Community & cultural security:** Respect for all cultures and languages, freedom to practice any religion or no religion, corporate accountability, limitations on corporate power, removing the underlying causes of crime, comfort in walking anywhere at any time, ways to heal and reconcile when someone hurts another person, etc.
- **Political security:** Freedom from governmental oppression or abuse, support for civil rights and civil liberties, meaningful opportunities to participate in democratic political processes, etc.

The accompanying table contrasts the **typical American way to achieve national security** with this **better way to achieve TRUE security**.

I invite each reader to incorporate this kind of strategy within your respective issues and movements. How can you reach out to the public with this welcoming and supportive approach?

I also invite your feedback. Please feel free to contact me at (360) 491-9093 or glen@olywa.net

	Typical American Way to Achieve National Security	Better Way to Achieve TRUE Security
Vision:	U.S. dominates all other countries.	U.S. cooperates fairly with all other countries.
Axis of Evil:	Iraq, Iran, North Korea	Martin Luther King never called people evil, but he identified 3 evil systems: Racism, Militarism, Poverty
Goals:	National security against other nations	Global security and equitable relationships among all nations
	Political, military, economic, cultural dominance	Self-determination Economic well-being for all Respect for other cultures & religions
Methods:	Military action, arms sales, covert operations, selective diplomacy	Sincere diplomacy Nonviolent direct action at international level (e.g., nonviolent peace force)
	Unilateral action Coalitions that the US controls and others must endorse	Multilateral resolution of conflicts Support the UN, international law, treaties
	Development initiatives linked to "good" governments Economic practices that support US interests	A new Marshall Plan to eradicate global poverty Unconditional commitment to the poor
	Volunteerism and acts of charity to help the poor without changing structural inequities	Short-term: Generous actions with no selfish motives Long-term: Structural changes for justice
	Minimum wage	Living wage. Guaranteed minimum income
	Conflict management focused on violence as individual pathology	Nonviolent resistance to systemic violence. Interpersonal conflict resolution skills
Motivation:	Hatred	Love, compassion
	Fear	Faith
	Power	Justice
	Self-centered (Greek word *porneia*: people as objects)	Other-centered for the other's sake (Greek word *agape*)
Result:	Global chaos	Global community

LEIU (continued)

into NCIC. The LEIU still exists, though, and has invited Tom Ridge and John Ashcroft to speak about terrorism in Seattle this June, although they are not confirmed to attend. Some of the persons advertised to speak include:

John Pistole; FBI Deputy Assistant Director, Counter-Terrorism

Dr. Mark Pitcavage; National Director of Fact Finding, Anti Defamation League

Jerry Marynik; Program Manager Group Analysis Unit, California Anti-Terrorism Information Center, California Department of Justice

Richard Wright; Commanding Officer of the Support Services Division, Simi Valley Police Department General Chairman, LEIU

Russ Porter; Special Agent in Charge (SAC), Intelligence Bureau, Iowa Department of Public Safety Vice-General Chairman, LEIU

Steve Beltz; Senior Computer Forensics Analyst within the Department of State's (DoS) Computer Forensics Unit. Steve was employed by the Washington State Patrol for more than 16 years.

And some of the sponsors.

Microsoft
Starbucks
Pemco Insurance
Boeing
Albertsons
ChoicePoint (The folks who purged Florida of 50,000 innocent 'felons' for G.W. Bush)
7-Eleven Inc
FBI National Academy
Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs
Washington State Sheriffs Association
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington State Patrol
Washington State Gambling Commission
King County Sheriff's Office
King County Prosecutor's Office
Pierce County Sheriff's Office
Whitman County Sheriff's Office
Seattle Police Department
Redmond Police Department
Kent Police Department
Kirkland Police Department
Everett Police Department

For more information check out http://riseup.net/noleiu/

Say It Proudly: The Peace Movement Was Right About Iraq!

Glen Anderson

For many months the peace movement was articulating many reasons why a war on Iraq would be wrong. After March 19 those rotten eggs started to hatch, and the stink has become overwhelming!

- Where are the "weapons of mass destruction"?
- Why aren't the Iraqis welcoming our "liberation"?
- Which US puppet will we install in the guise of "democracy"?
- Which US corporations tied to the Bush regime will profit from the reconstruction and oil contracts?
- How is military spending affecting our federal, state and local budgets?
- How are other nations reacting to Bush's war?
- Has the war defeated terrorism, or is it provoking more terrorism?

On point after point, the peace movement is being proven correct! We should be telling the public, the media and the government "I TOLD YOU SO!"

The war did **not** represent a failure of the peace movement. Although many peace activists are feeling defeated, licking their wounds, and feeling depressed, we actually should be standing up proudly and affirming our prescience.

Even though we did not prevent this particular war, we did build the biggest and most broad-based peace movement in history! We strengthened the foundation for an eventual overhaul of US foreign policy. The peace movement has not won that victory – yet. Let's celebrate what we have accomplished and strategize how to make the peace movement even stronger.

Nor do Bush's bullying and the US military conquest represent a real success for the US. They exposed the raw abuse of power against civil democracy in the US. They also exposed to the world how arrogant and violent the US empire has become. The seeming successes are only short-term. Actually, the long-term effects are to undermine global tolerance for the US empire and unite world opinion to demand a radical change.

The US, which enjoyed decades of prominence as the leader of the free world, is now widely seen as a rogue nation whose arrogance and violence are out of control. Will the Iraq war turn out to be the straw that broke the camel's back? Will the world allow the US to control the world in violation of international law? To launch "preemptive wars" whenever we feel like it? To complete our "hostile takeover" of the global economy?

People used to say that September 11 changed everything. Actually, the Bush regime's attack on peace and democracy is what is changing everything. The rest of the world knows it, and anyone in the US who cares about peace, democracy, civil liberties, the environment, human rights, and constitutional government knows it too.

In early March 70% of the American people opposed Bush's war unless he had UN approval or a lot of allies. He started the war with neither. If the peace movement sharpens our strategies and organizes skillfully, we can bring millions of those Americans back into actively opposing current and future wars.

If progressive activists sharpen our strategies and organize skillfully now – in mid-2003 – we could expose and discredit a whole slew of the Bush regime's policies and decisions. We have enough time to totally change the political climate that will be in place when the November 2004 election takes place. Remember that in the spring of 1991 the older Bush had just won the first Gulf War and had sky-high approval ratings. Everybody assumed he was a shoo-in for re-election. But the economy worsened, and he was voted out!

Smart organizing now could change the current political climate. Let's focus on discrediting the incumbent regime rather than bog down squabbling over the competing candidates. The so-called "electable" Democrats supported Bush's war. We must challenge the real issues head-on, or else Democrats will run as "Bush lite" and continue with Clintonesque militarism (our "bi-partisan" foreign policy).

Voters hate to be lied to. We can expose the lies and hypocrisy about this war and about the Bush regime's other policies and actions. We can hang this war around his neck and make other candidates run away from it. The peace movement was right, and we can change the political climate!

Summary: Even after the so-called victory over Iraq:

- The truth is still the truth.
- The war is just as wrong now as it was before March 19.
- Civil liberties and human rights are just as important now as they were before September 11.
- War is still not the answer; it is the problem.
- More and more people in the US and around the world understand these truths.
- We can continue building a bigger and stronger peace movement.
- We must change the political climate in order to significantly affect the 2004 election.

Mothers Day In Olympia

Lynn McMullen (left) and Jody Bernstein (right) dressed historically for the occasion. McMullen, cofounder of the newly formed Global Democratic Citizen's Union, dressed as Susan B. Anthony, and Bernstein dresed as Julia Ward Howe, the founder of Mother's day in 1870. She read Howe's original proclamation to remind people "of the profound loss and pain war creates for all mother's ..."

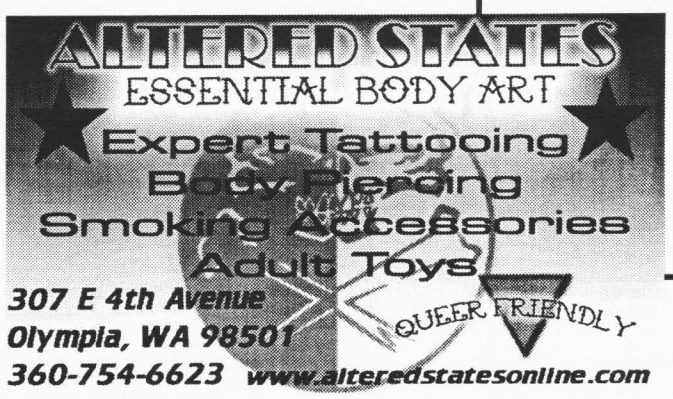
Excerpt of Proclamtion:

"Arise, then, women of this day! Arise all women who have hearts, whether our baptism be that of water or of fears!

We will not have great questions decided by irrelevant agencies. Our sons shall not be taken from us to unlearn all thatwe have been able to teach them of charity,mercy and patience...

As men have often forsaken the plow and anvil at the summons of war, let women now leave all that may be left of home for a great and earnest day of counsel. Let them take counsel with each other as to the means whereby the great human family can live in peace...to promote the alliance of the different nationalities, the amicable settlement of international questions, and the great and general interests of peace."

Photos by Brian



Plowshares Sisters Free Until Sentencing

Holly Gwinn Graham

Dominican Sisters Carol Gilbert, O.P., Jackie Hudson, O.P. and Ardeth Platte, O.P., have left Clear Creek County Jail in Georgetown, Colorado on their own recognizance. The Plowshares activists have completed nearly 7 months of incarceration for their symbolic act of blood-pouring and ballpeen hammering at Minuteman III nuclear missile silo N8 in Colorado on October 6, 2002.

When they left jail, they were granted bonds of Personal Recognizance, and signified their commitment to return for sentencing on July 25th before Bush-appointed Judge Robert Blackburn in the Denver Federal District Court. Prosecutor Robert Brown has stated that the Sisters face 8 years imprisonment. In his written statement to the Court on April 14th, he recorded sentencing guidelines and points for charges totaling 78 - 97 months for Sisters Carol and Ardeth and 70 - 87 or 63 - 78 months for Sister Jackie.

With these announcements and no word regarding the motions for acquittal, mistrial or new trial, the Sisters felt they needed release from incarceration for the following reasons:

1. To take time to retreat and pray with their communities and congregations of Sisters for spiritual strength through years of imprisonment.

2. To bring closure and say farewell to family members and friends dying of old age and cancer.

3. To divest themselves of all material goods and provide these to the poor in their neighborhoods.

4. To take care of personal medical needs before sentencing and imprisonment.

5. To say thank you, extend personally gratitude to peacemakers and the people of Colorado for their faithful support and encouragement.

For those of you late in joining this unfolding story, the Sisters were found guilty at the Federal Courthouse in Denver of Injury/Interference/Obstruction of the National Defense and Injury of Property of the United States.

The three nuns cut through a security chain to enter the N-8 missile silo. All three were on the site for several hours, and in a symbolic act of disarmament, hammered on the tracks that carry the lid of the silo to its firing position. They then poured their own blood on the tracks and the silo. In so doing, the three nuns helped to bring attention to the massive stockpile of weapons of mass destruction housed in Colorado. The 49 nuclear-armed missiles in Colorado have recently been refitted with W-87 nuclear warheads, each with an explosive power of 300 kilotons (approximately 25 times the size of the Hiroshima bomb).

All three have been held at Clear Creek County Correction Center in Georgetown, Colorado since October 6th. Their trial began on March 31 and ended on Monday, April 7, 2003 with the under-informed jury bringing in a conviction because the Sisters had been denied a defense by the judge.

"We have brought forth the truth of the illegality of the practices that are going on right now in our government. We had no criminal intent at any level". She also faults the media for helping create the war's popularity"

U.S. District Judge Robert Blackburn, in a previously released 32-page opinion, had barred the jury from hearing international law and Nuremberg defenses during the trial. At mid-morning on Monday, the jury had asked Judge Blackburn for clarifications on three points in the jury instructions. As he did throughout the trial, Judge Blackburn ruled against members of the defense team on the clarifications. The three nuns later addressed the jury, thanking them for doing the best they could with the instructions they had been given and with the evidence allowed in court. Ardeth Platte said of their trial, "We have brought forth the truth of the illegality of the practices that are going on right now in our government. We had no criminal intent at any level". She also faults the media for helping create the war's popularity by not showing graphic images from Iraq.

Jackie Hudson arrived back in the Northwest on May 13th to the arms of a welcoming group of friends. Her asthma is severe after months of breathing stale prison air, but she was extremely happy to be home. currently, she is enjoying "breathing fresh air and sleeping in real sheets. They feel like silk!" she says.

Hudson is a Dominican nun, a former piano, vocal and band teacher in Michigan and an activist long connected with the Berrigan brothers in Plowshares actions. The Oct. 6 event was the latest in a string of anti-nuke protests for Hudson since the late 1970s, when she lived in Michigan. She moved to Bremerton in 1993 and has been active with the Poulsbo-based Ground Zero Center for Nonviolent Action, which regularly protests outside Naval Submarine Base Bangor. The Trident base is the largest storage site of nuclear weapons in the country.

Hudson said the hammering at the Oct. 6 protest, and an earlier protest in 2000, symbolized the Biblical scripture in the Old Testament book of Isaiah predicting that people will beat their swords into plowshares. The blood was a statement that they'd rather spill their own blood than have innocent blood shed. Their October demonstration was inspired by President Bush's refusal to rule out using nuclear weapons in Iraq, Hudson said. That threat, she said, is in violation of an international nonproliferation treaty. "When we went to this site, we went to symbolically stop a crime from happening and to uphold international law."

Hudson asserts the U.S. war in Iraq needlessly cost the lives of too many innocents. "If Dan Rather can sit in a room and interview Saddam Hussein, we should have been able to capture him and bring him to justice," she said. "We wanted Saddam Hussein, but have we got him? No. But how many people did we slaughter? To me it was a criminal act that the US committed."

The three nuns brought attention to the massive stockpile of "weapons of mass destruction" housed in Colorado. The nuns tried to use international precedent in their defense, but the judge was swayed by the U.S. attorney's argument that U.S. law supersedes international law. The nuns were stunned by the process and by the jury's decision to side with prosecutors.

"The defendants have been charged for similar conduct in the past and it has not been a deterrent," Prosecuting Attorney Dorschner said. Although the offense carries up to 20 years as a penalty, Dorschner said given the nuns' history and the nature of the Oct. 6 demonstration, they'll probably get between five and eight years in prison. With the statement above, he admits that these sentences will act as a deterrent to anyone planning actions of civil disobedience.

Hudson fears she won't live to see the end of her incarceration.

The nuns have not decided whether they'll appeal. Hudson has said a lost appeal could create a bigger precedent, potentially hindering other protesters' efforts. Her hope is that if she can't, other protesters can help bring about the plowshare moment predicted in the Old Testament. "I just think we're at a moment in history that is so critical," she said. "If we were ever to ban war, now is the time. Our action stems from a right and an obligation based on our belief that the U.S. government's threat to use nuclear weapons violates international law." Sentencing is set for July 25, 2003...10 a.m. for Carol Gilbert, 11 a.m. for Jackie Hudson and 1:30 p.m. for Ardeth Platte.

On July 14th, Jackie will speak on The Responsibility of Citizenship in this Nuclear Age at Traditions Cafe, 5th and Water Streets in Olympia, at 6 p.m. The Event , which is free, is sponsored by the Fellowship of Reconciliation and The Global Network against Weapons and Nuclear Power in Space, the event is free.

Olympia Community Yoga Center

• Yoga Classes • Holistic Studies
• Workshops

1009 E. 4th Avenue, Olympia, WA 98506
360-753-0772
Call us about Work-Study

Mixx 96 fm
KXXO
"Soft Rock for the Great Northwest"
Rockway-Leland Bldg. • Downtown Olympia

Can The Peace Movement Make the UN Into The World's Only Superpower?

Erich Albrecht

The US occupation of Iraq has grave implications for the future of the international power structure and the global economy. Iraq has been called the first battle in the fourth world war (the Cold War being the third) by figures inside the Bush administration. Some believe the reasons of this war were for stopping the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, stopping terrorism and liberating the Iraqi people from Saddam Hussein's tyranical rule. None of this has yet been accomplished, which leads many others to believe the Bush administration's reasons for this war were driven by more selfish reasons such as controlling Iraq's vast oil reserves and permanently basing US troops in the region. All these reasons are valid and true, but they are merely isolated aspects of the Bush administration's larger project of restructuring global power.

Ideologues actively involved in developing the Bush administration's policies have long desired to go to war with Iraq as a way to implement a "New World Order." The basic plans for a Pax-Americana are spelled out by the Project for a New American Century, a right-wing think tank established in the mid-90's by numerous figures currently in the Bush administration, in their September 2000 report entitled "Rebuilding America's Defenses." The plan for a Pax-American is nothing short of a global empire enforced by overwhelming military strength and presence reaching across the planet. The plan has colonialist implications in its desire to open the world to unchecked economic opportunity by transfering US soldiers into other countries to allow selected transnational corporations to abstract resources from their land to be sold on the international market. These men truly seem to believe they, and only they, can bring democracy to the world through unilateral military force.

The Bush administration is attempting to completely undermine the United Nations, which exposes the contradiction in their methods of achieving their stated goals of bringing democracy to the world. The Independent (UK) revealed on March 2, a memo written by a US official which reveals the US spied on the members of the Security Council, looking for things to use against them to gain support for the war against Iraq. The US went to great lengths to coerce Security Council members to support the war, including threatening to withdraw economic and military aid to the non-permanent members. When it was apparent that the Security Council was not going to pass a resolution supporting war, Bush declared they had become "ineffective." At the outset of the Iraq war, Richard Perle, a highly influential figure in the Bush administration who recently resigned as chairman of the Defense Policy Board, but remains a member, was quoted by London's Guardian as saying "Thank god for the death of the UN." Perle boasted of the defeat of Saddam Hussein and the collapse of the UN, which he referred to as the "chatterbox on the Hudson," as a dual victory. Without the UN to challenge the United States's unilateral actions, the imposition of the Pax-Americana will go more smoothly for the right-wing ideologues in power.

The Bush administration's plan of restructuring global power under their influence has a great chance of backfiring on them. The backlash by groups persecuted by the US, especially Muslims, may develop into a force too powerful to be economically viable to be controlled by military force. Another possibility is that OPEC will switch to the Euro, causing flight from the dollar and therefore economic fallout for the US, while strengthening the Euro. Yet another possibility is Asian nations and other regional blocks will succeed in forming economic unity under a single currency. The Non-Aligned Movement, a group of 116 developing nations that opposed the war, could follow Venezuela's example and begin a barter system of trade with their undervalued commodities. The possibility also exists that the US will continue to isolate themselves to the point where the UN General Assembly decides to go over the head of the US to takeover administering Iraq.

"most important for the peace movement is to continue to struggle for a grass roots democracy which is able to provide a structure for all voices to be heard, all mouths to be feed, and all individuals to be empowered"

While the above possibilities seem distant at this point, it cannot be ignored that the actions taken by the Bush administration, especially concerning Iraq, have instigated the world's largest peace movement, which has been called "the world's second super-power." In a letter to George Bush, famed Brazilian author Paulo Coehlo thanks Bush for his disregard of world public opinion, revealing "the gulf that exists between the decisions made by those in power and the wishes of the people." Respected British journalist George Monbiot, indicates that the men in the Bush administration who think they can "extend democracy" through war while serving elite interests "are not monsters. They are simply responding to opportunities that power presents". This analysis points to problems in the structure of global power, not merely to the individuals who run the country.

The role of the peace movement from this point should be to shift the structure of global power away from the unilateral hierarchy the US is trying to impose and towards a multilateral system of cooperation. In the short-term, voting Bush out of office and replacing him with leaders willing to listen to the people of the world, is certainly necessary to achieving a world democracy. Another method suggested to check US power has been an economic boycott, but as Monbiot points out: "US trade has penetrated the economies of almost all other nations of such an extent that to boycott its goods and services would be to boycott our own." This is another example of the importance of the peace movement's need to advocate structural change.

One way this could begin would be to insist the US pull its forces out of Iraq and allow UN peacekeeping forces to keep stability. From there the UN should be encouraged to govern until Iraqi's can elect a government that truly represents the people. The US should pay the bulk of the rebuilding costs and assist the Iraqi economy under their terms. For the US peace movement the UN flag could represent multilateral world democracy, counteracting the abundance of American flags that have been raised since the 9-11 attacks that to many now represents unilateral aggression rather than freedom and prosperity. As Stephen Zunes notes in Tinderbox, "there has been little effort among American activists to support pro-democracy movements in the Middle East." Establishing and strengthening democracy across the globe should become one of the main priorities of the peace movement. Working with indigenous movements, labor unions, NGO's and grassroots institutions is one way to work towards democracy. Another place to build democracy is in the UN, once the Security Council is abolished and all nations are given a voice equal to the population they represent.

The peace movement should continue to join forces with the global justice (anti-globalization) movement to encourage the diversification of currencies on the international market. Encouraging the strength of the Euro combined with the rise of an Asian currency would be a step towards diluting global power. To keep the rising economic powers in the EU and Asia from acting similarly to the US, the movement would also have to encourage unity amongst the developing world. Economic and political unity between developing regions and strengthening the Non-Aligned Movement with the rise of a barter system could be another way to balance world power. But most important for the peace movement is to continue to struggle for a grass roots democracy which is able to provide a structure for all voices to be heard, all mouths to be feed, and all individuals to be empowered, through a structure that measures progress by a system's ability to incorporate all into the decision making process.

91.3 FM: Liberate The Airwaves!

Tesla Coylea

In the midst of the chaos and confusion surrounding America's "Bush Wars", Olympia has gained an important new presence on the radio dial. Friends of independent media have now declared 91.3 FM to be a Liberated Frequency, and they are engaged in an ongoing project to "free the airwaves", through sustained civil disobedience. Their aim: To bring the people of Olympia access to more alternative information and culture than has heretofore been available, and ultimately to provide a permanent voice for those disenfranchised by the "New World Order".

91.3 has brought listeners a wide array of alternative broadcasting, including shows like Flashpoints, Democracy Now!, Radio Free School, and Unwelcome Guests, as well as broadcasters like Free Radio Olympia, Radio Volta, and Freak Radio Santa Cruz. We strive to be on the air 24 hours a day. Check us out all over Olympia, and a little beyond. Fine-tune your antenna if you need better reception and/or try setting you receiver to "mono".

In these days of media consolidation and the mainstreaming of public radio, grassroots community radio is extremely important, indeed now even more than ever. Check us out at various times of the day, and you just might find something that you really like!

"Free Speech" is not an abstraction, and it is not a gift from the bureaucrats. It is our birthright, and a global movement is reclaiming the media as an organizing tool. Please join us.

Postscript: Iraq

Jerome Johnson

I was at work on the evening of 19 March. At 6:50pm, my boss called to tell me that bombs and cruise missiles were falling on Baghdad, the war had begun. I was glad it was him and not Frank, my archconservative co-worker. I thanked my boss for telling me—we share interests and views on current events—and I turned on the TV in my office. I still had to work a few more hours, but I wanted to catch as much "coverage" as I could before I went home. When I got there, there wasn't much news yet, so I called and spoke to a few friends. All of them—like me—were distraught at the prospect of another unprovoked, senseless war against a country posed no threat to us. We comforted each other, emphasizing the need to keep ourselves together by keeping in touch and doing creative things—gardening, art, music, etc.

As the war unfolded, it seemed as if it wasn't quite going according to the administration's plan. Instead of following orders and accepting a $30 billion bribe, Turkey not only refused overflight rights but actually put troops into northern Iraq, in Kurdish areas. The administration's eyes narrowed: even though the Kurds were helping US commando units, Kurdish autonomy was not a policy option, whatever ideas they might get. Like Syria, Iraq and Iran, Turkey doesn't want an independent Kurdistan to happen. Neither does the administration, but Turkish troops fighting Kurds would be an unpleasant distraction. The 173rd Airborne Brigade dropped into northern Iraq to remind everyone who's boss. At the same time, US forces attacking west from Kuwait were meeting unexpected resistance from Iraqis. Led by Fox News, howls of outrage and indignation came through the war fever: "The Iraqis are shooting back? At US? How DARE they defend their own country! They act as if they're being invaded, not liberated!"

In reports from the front, the troops were baffled, too. I can understand why: they were being told they'd be welcomed with flowers and then trained for heavy fighting, including possible use of chemical weapons.

As the war went on to its inevitable conclusion, I and many others became very disturbed by the attitude we saw developing here on the home front. Whipped up by the administration and the enthusiastic media, war fever escalated into jingoistic delirium. If you even questioned the administration's "policy" you ran a high risk of being called "un-American". If you actually had the guts to oppose the war, people talked to you as if you were a traitor. Peace activists were vilified and dismissed as acting like children. I found the irony supreme: supposedly, the US was fighting for "freedom" in Iraq, yet all these "patriotic" Americans couldn't tolerate the right of others to dissent and peaceably assemble. When you pointed out that the Founders and others actually encouraged the people to question and to dissent Government policies, you got a blank look of angry frustration before this response: "Damn it, why can't you just support our troops?"

Well, we do support our troops. So much so that we don't want them risking their lives for Halliburton, Bechtel and Big Oil in senseless, unprovoked wars—especially at a time when the administration exploits them for political gain and then slashes the funding for the veterans' benefits they'll need when they get back home.

But delirium doesn't respond to reason, and this war delirium is even scarier than most. To question Bush and his administration often evokes a deep, visceral rage. Shortly after the war began, a few people were badly beaten by fellow audience members at a hockey game because they wouldn't stand up when country singer Lee Greenwood's "I'm Proud to be an American" was played over the loudspeaker. Never mind that Greenwood's song is just another ballad, not even the national anthem. When the Dixie Chicks—a country group from Texas—opposed the war, people bought their CDs and then stomped them to bits. When Frank, my conservative co-worker, saw the parody "WANTED" poster of Bush ("Nuclear-armed and extremely dangerous") on our restroom wall, he went apopleptic with fury, ripping it down and calling me a "subversive".

The next day, after he'd calmed down, I asked Frank why this reaction occurs. He said, "It's because people are fed up with the immorality of the past several years." In other words, they still haven't gotten over Bill Clinton yet. Eight years of peace and prosperity, with a little consensual nookie thrown in, is apparently "immoral" but unprovoked acts of aggression against weaker nations aren't.

Two days before the war began, in his nationally televised speech, Bush told us why we fight. After citing torture, rape and other brutalities by Saddam Hussein's Iraq, Bush claimed that "intelligence gathered by this and other governments leaves no doubt that the Iraq regime continues to possess and conceal some of the most lethal weapons ever devised." So not only were we going to war for the old reason—"freedom"—but to rid Iraq of weapons of mass destruction (WMD). Only the un-American would stop to consider that John Ashcroft poses a bigger threat to our freedom than Saddam Hussein ever did.

Despite the rhetoric, the WMD rationale is getting hollower by the day. Before the war, Secretary of State Powell looked like a damned fool when he insisted to the UN Security Council that Iraq's WMD exist, but he couldn't prove it. Unlike Kennedy during the 1962 missile crisis, Powell had no evidence—only pictures of trucks and buildings that "could" be used to handle WMD. When pressed, Powell reverted to the administration's excuses: The proof DOES exist, but it's so secret that we can't show it to you, because that might reveal how we got it. The administration wouldn't even tell Hans Blix and his teams where to look, for the same "reason." Well, Mr. President, don't worry: the whole world knows the U.S. uses spy satellites, spy planes, spy computers and spy people. The world also knows that if you'd told Blix where to look, your little war might have been prevented.

Still, if WMD was the reason for war and the administration so certain of their existence, one would think that we would have them by now. As May fades into June, with "major operations in Iraq concluded," one may wonder why we don't. Indeed, those of us with "un-American" thoughts might be wondering why commando units didn't parachute out of the night skies over Iraq, right onto the places where the WMD are (since we claim to know), capture them and show them to the world in triumph. Days pass, and still no WMD are found; it is profoundly ironic that the mighty US is doing no better than the UN inspectors it derided. On 12 May, National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice told Reuters that "it was a sophisticated deception program, and it will take some time to unravel that, but we will."

Hmmm. One might say the same of Bush's war.

In Baghdad, L. Paul Bremer III—an alum of the Reagan State Department—is the new civil administrator.

In Afghan fields, where poppies grow, US forces continue the war on terror.

In Washington DC, nine Democrats quibble among themselves instead of taking the political fight to Bush.

And in Thurston County, school districts stretch every nickel in a community where PUD's are created to fund a privately-owned conference center—which will operate at a loss—with public money.

Traditions
Cafe & World Folk Art

"Care to know where your money goes?"

Support fair trade with low-income artisans and farmers and you will...

We are:

- A center for fairly-traded products from around the world
- A cafe with good food
- A performance space for concerts, classes, forums, and more

Website: traditionsfairtrade.com

300 5th Ave SW, Olympia • 705-2819

"Just a splash from Heritage Fountain & Capitol Lake"

Salmon, pesticides and the WSDOT

May 9, 2003

Letter to the Editor:

Studies in the last few years by the United States Geological Survey (USGS) found pesticides contaminating every single watershed tested in Washington. Especially concerning are 2,4-D and Dichlobenil, two herbicides used by the Washington State Department of Transportation that are found in 100% of USGS tested streams and have known impacts to our endangered salmon. Herbicides used by the WSDOT are known to either kill salmon directly or cause decreased survival rates by impacting their ability to avoid predators, fend off disease, or spawn. The chemical companies themselves advised us that berries sprayed with 2,4-D and Dicamba are unsafe to eat.

The herbicides used by the WSDOT such as 2,4-D, Diruon, Dicamba and Triclopyr have been linked to a litany of human health problems, including cancer, endocrine (hormone) disruption, reproduction dysfunction, respiratory ailments and more. Children are more vulnerable to herbicides because their biological systems are still developing. Children drink, eat and breath far more pound per pound than adults. Recent studies suggest that these chemicals can adversely impact the immune, endocrine, and neurological systems of a child, even as early as fetal development, which may in turn contribute to the increase of learning and developmental disabilities, asthma and cancer in children which we are now seeing in Washington State and ationally.

Five Washington counties (Thurston, Island, Snohomish, Jefferson and Clallam) have passed no spray policies for county roads. King County does not spray county roads on Bainbridge Island, Vashon Island, Maury Island, or in the Snoqualmie Valley. The DOT, however, continues to spray in all of these areas regardless.

The DOT is currently studying the risks and benefits of maintaining the roadsides without pesticides. Now is the time to let the DOT know that the citizens want the DOT to honor local no spray policies and stop spraying our roadsides. Please contact Doug MacDonald, Secretary of Transportation, MacDonD@wsdot.wa.gov, P O Box 47300, Olympia, WA 98504 or phone 360-705-7054.

Joslyn Trivett & Nancy Schaaf

May 8, 2003
From: Copwatch
To: Thurston County Prosecutor: Ed Holm

Dear Mr. Holm,

A member of Copwatch had been waiting for better than 1 month for you to get back to him. No longer.

On April 4th 2003, he presented to you the one page evidence of a faulty investigation by TCSO (Thurston County Sheriffs Office) regarding the shooting of Kent DeBoer by officers Jordan and Brown of the Olympia Police Department.

He gave you his written critique of Phil Harju's actions. He showed you the diagram from the TCSO investigation which directly contradicts the statement given by Sgt. Hutchings. Sgt. Hutchings (the policeman in charge of the scene) stated that Kent threw boiling hot water at him through a small orifice tea kettle and a window screen. He pointed out the physical evidence gathered at the scene was thorough, even down to the smallest drop of blood. From the diagram, He showed you where the water should have been. Not only was there no water shown at the spot of the alleged deadly threat, but water on the floor was not listed as evidence.

Someone has to be charged. Either Sgt. Hutchings or the police officers who did the evidence work.

Omitted is the actual proof that the TASER did not work. The shooting officers claimed the TASER did not work. Therefore it must be proved the TASER did not work or you must charge Brown and Jordan with attempted murder 1st degree as per one of the prosecutors in your own office. The actual TASER report that he gave you, showed that the TASER worked. Since we know the TASER worked, the knife Kent DeBoer allegedly was holding in his hand, would have to fall where he was TASERED. As he showed you in the diagram, there was no knife within about 18-feet of Kent. It has come to our attention that Lt. Watkins at TCSO admitted to Pat DeBoer that the TASER in question was tested twice for functionality and that it functioned normally. Did TCSO actually submit the 2 TASER reports to your office as required? If not, why didn't Phil Harju force them to give him the evidence? Why didn't Phil Harju insist the crucial TASER evidence be included with the investigation? Copwatch knows that anything major that comes out of your office is cleared by you. Isn't it true that when an officer who deliberately puts himself in danger, the officer then cannot shoot someone and claim self-defense? That person then has the right to self-defense?

Without any proof whatsoever, you stated to him that the TASER in question did not work. Enclosed is a statement in the Olympian dated Oct. 14, 2002. Quoting Commander Bjornstad when he was tested with a TASER for 1.5 seconds " You simply can't continue to resist." Keep in mind that with this TASER model, the charge lasts for 5 seconds. Yet Brown and Jordan shot Kent 1 second or less after he was TASERED. Officer Maynard was trained to know it lasts for 5 seconds. He did not come forward with that information; as required. He gave you the company literature, which said that there is 100% incapacitation with this model of TASER. Do you have evidence to actually dispute that? If not, YOU must charge Brown and Jordan.

Not only that, all officers involved in the investigation at TCSO who did not give the required evidence including possibly Sheriff Edwards must be charged. Plus officer Maynard and Sgt. Hutchings of the Olympia police department.

The fastest way to get justice for Kent is a Grand Jury. Don't you agree?

Why did you throw the Copwatch person out of your office when he showed you the water evidence? You said you were insulted, how is that possible? He instructed you to get back with him after he gave the evidence.

We are the taxpayers, and you are the servant. From your disrespectful attitude, it is apparent that you don't belong in this elected office. Do everyone a favor, resign and take Phil Harju with you!

Be prepared to defend yourself to the press and please don't try to kill the messenger.

Drew Hendricks
Olympia Copwatch

Olympia Police arrested and may have tortured a man in custody early in May, according to the victim.

The victim, who requested anonymity for this report, was taken into custody in the early morning hours after Cinco De Mayo, and booked into jail two and one half hours after his reported arrest.

Detective Donald S Heinze and Patrol Officer Charles G Porche Jr took the man into custody for malicious mischief, according to their report. The man verbally resisted according to the report and witnesses at the scene.

According to the victim, when he was brought to the jail, police placed him against a wall and pepper sprayed him from behind. When he dropped to the ground, they took him by the arms and strapped him into a rolling chair by his wrists and ankles.

Police then continued to pepper spray the man's face, according to the man. He said they they pried his eyes open and continued to use the pepper spray at close range while he was restrained.

When the police had finished pepper spraying him, they stripped him of most of his clothes and hosed him off, leaving him in a holding cell in his wet underwear until his release just before 10AM that morning.

A person who was calling into the jail to leave her phone number for the man to call told Copwatch that she was told by a jail employee that "He can't use that right now. He has OC-10 in his eyes."

As he was being released, the man told his story to a black jail employee. The man said the jail employee told him "I know all about that. I saw it on video."

Lt. William W "Bill" Wilson confirmed that there is a videotape of the incident, but refused Copwatch access to the tape, saying that it is a security tape and is exempt from disclosure.

Olympia Police Internal Affairs Lieutenant James D "Jim" Costa has been told about the story and promised to investigate.

Other people on duty that night in the Jail were:

Jeffrey S Robertson (Booked both of Donald Heinze's prisoners that night, including the victim.)

Renate K Emerson (Booked two prisoners during the period of time when the torture was alleged to be occurring.)

Timothy Aiken (Logged the man's release and may be the person who told the victim about the videotape.)

Amy King (Patrol) was booking a drunk driver about ten minutes before the victim was arrested and may have been present later during the alleged torture.

Matthew J Renschler (Patrol) was booking a prisoner during the time in which the torture was alleged to be taking place.

Gabriel Crumpton and James Roberson also served in the Jail later that day but were unlikely to be on the intake shift when the torture occurred. Roberson might also be the man who admitted the videotape esisted.

Jade Lantern

News Supplement of the Green Party of South Puget Sound

Rumsfeld Agenda Would Gut U.S. Democracy

Warning of a military-police state, massive loss of liberties, assaults on government workers' protections, and environmental damage, Greens urge defeat of proposed Defense Department and 'Patriot II' legislation.

WASHINGTON, D.C. — A legislative proposal from the office of Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld would, if enacted, grant the military nearly unlimited freedom from civilian oversight, and, in combination with other recent laws and policies, bring the U.S. to the brink of a military-dominated state, say members of the Green Party of the United States.

The "Defense Transformation for the 21st Century Act" would allow the Secretary of Defense to choose billion-dollar corporate contractors without public account-ability or Congress' review; strip Defense Department employees of union rights, whistleblower protections, annual pay raises, and right to appeal disciplinary actions; exempt the Pentagon from environmental protection rules on more than 23 million acres of U.S. land; and exempt the Pentagon from numerous Congressional oversight rules.

In a March 7 memo, Deputy Secretary of Defense Paul Wolfowitz said President Bush should exempt defense facilities from certain environmental laws "for reasons of national security."

"The Cheney-Rumsfeld-Ashcroft doctrine has been compared with the Mussolini definition of fascism as 'the merger of state and corporate power,'" said Nathalie Paravacini, secretary of the Green Party of the United States. "In the past three years, we've witnessed a power grab by the executive branch and military, to the benefit of favored corporate lobbies — a putsch with Congress' blessing."

"But the Bush Administration's abuse of power differs from classic fascism in some essential ways," added Paravacini. "We do not hear outright racist comments, but witness jingoistic appeals to 'with us or against us' nationalism and post-9/11 insecurity, racial profiling, and the targeting of Muslims and other immigrants for harassment. Instead of imprisonment, torture, and execution of political dissenters, the Bush Administration operates more efficiently by ignoring and marginalizing any dissenting voice, in collusion with media that act as distributors of propaganda instead of journalistic coverage of facts."

Greens cite a list of recent attacks on U.S. democracy: the manipulated 2000 national election and Supreme Court

Justice William Rehnquist's declaration that there is no guaranteed right to vote; occupation of the White House by oil and defense industry operatives and execs; "preemptive" invasion of Iraq in defiance of the Nuremburg principles and

comply with the Patriot Act to the widespread protests against the invasion of Iraq," said Green Party activist Deyva Arthur of Troy, New York. "But, with a few exceptions, Democrats have endorsed most of Mr. Rumsfeld's and President Bush's agenda. None of the Demo-cratic candidates who hold a chance of winning the national nomination dares to criticize Rumsfeld or Bush on this basis or has called for the defeat of Rumsfeld's defense legislation."

"Without the Green Party, the 2004 campaign will be a contest between two prowar parties, both with little regard for the rights, laws, and principles enshrined under the Constitution or the U.N.'s Universal Declaration of Human Rights," Arthur added. "Our only hope is the enormous resistance that's building all over the U.S., from the refusal of some cities and towns to U.N. Charter; Congress' surrender of its power to declare war; the Homeland Security Department and Office of Information Awareness; passage and possible expansion of the USA Patriot Act.

"The 'Patriot II' Act would gut the Constitution even further," said Jake Schneider, treasurer of the Green Party of the United States. "All these measures have been used to distract Americans from domestic economic woes. . . This ideology betrays the GOP's own claim to be 'the party of liberty, the party of equality of opportunity for all and favoritism for none.'" ["Rules of the Republican Party," <http://www.rnc.org/gopinfo/rules>]

Save the Brewery

On July 1st, 400 employees of Miller Brewing will lose their jobs, and South Sound residents could lose their say in the future of a community asset of untold value. We are invited to a **Public Forum on at 6:00 pm on June 23**, to have at least one last say in what happens.

Built by Leopold Schmidt in 1902, the Tumwater Brewery has amazing historic, environmental and cultural values, with a river running through it to the Sound. The future of the Brewery is worth talking about.

Looking for solutions to longstanding controversies, labor, environmental and community leaders have formed a "blue-green" committee to craft a "Vision for Community-Driven Redevelopment of the Tumwater Brewery."

At the June forum, they'll ask for community input on possible uses for the site, and "What kind of economic development do we want in Thurston County?"

The forum is **Monday June 23 at 6 – 9 pm in the Evening. Location TBA.**

For more information, or to get involved, contact the Alliance for Sustainable Jobs and the Environment (ASJE) at 570-0718.

2003 Call for Green Party Candidates

The Green Party of the United States is looking for progressives to run for elected office. To date, 177 Green office holders in 24 states are hard at work. They are creating public policy on important issues including civil rights, a living wage, affordable housing, alternative voting systems, and peace. They are advocating for peace and opposing urban sprawl and expansion of corporate power. Green office holders ran to make an immediate impact on their communities as town council members, county commissioners, school board members etc. These Greens reached out to voters of diverse backgrounds, brought together coalitions of community organizations and individuals to begin to reclaim their local governments.

2003 is a great time for candidates to learn the art of running for office, and a smart, energetic candidate can win. Please consider becoming a candidate for elective office this year. We especiallyencourage people who are under-represented in elective office to consider running; women, African Americans, Latinos, Native Americans, Asian Americans, gays and lesbians, people with disabilities, young people and other minorities. If you or someone you know is considering running, please contact your local Green Party chapter.

Local offices up for reelection in 2003 include city council positions in Olympia, Tumwater and Lacey, county commissioner, port commissioner, school boards, fire district commissioners and more.

Contact Taryn Gearhart 456-5586 or Drew Hendricks 455-4336 for more information on running for local office. Visit our website at www.greenparty-sps.org And Join Us!

Green Party Endorses TJ Johnson for Olympia City Council

By TJ Johnson

Olympia Needs Responsive Leadership

In March, I announced that I was a candidate for the Olympia City Council. Today, I'm telling you why I'm running and what I hope to accomplish, and am asking for your support.

Olympia is a great place to live, but we have the potential to be an even stronger and more vibrant community in the future. To achieve this potential we need responsive leaders who will listen to the many voices of the community, and who will bring diverse people together to identify opportunities and solve problems. I am committee to this concept of responsive leadership, and believe my broad community experience and strong leadership skills will be an asset to Olympia.

I have three specific issues I will pursue after I am elected to the City Council:

1) Working to build a sustainable local economy.

2) Improving the safety and quality of life in Olympia's neighborhoods.

3) Ensuring an open and responsive city government, and strengthening trust and communication between citizens and City Hall.

I'm pleased to have the backing of both the Green Party of South Puget Sound and the Thurston County Democrats. This bipartisan support is an important part of my campaign strategy, because I believe that building a strong Green/Democrat coalition is essential to electing progressive candidates at all levels.

Since announcing my campaign, many people have stepped forward to offer their advice and to support the campaign with their money and their time. But more help is still needed. Over the coming months there are doorbells to ring, voters to call, yard signs to install, envelopes to stuff, money to raise, and events to organize. To get involved, please contact me at 556-4596, or via our website at www.tjforcouncil.com

With your support, we can and we will add a progressive voice to the Olympia City Council.

To join the Green Party of South Puget Sound go to www.greenparty-sps.org. click Membership Application, copy, complete and mail in. Questions, Ideas, Suggestions ??? Email us at: gposps@yahoo.com or call us: 455-4336

free

TRUTH ABOUT POWER IS SPOKEN HERE

W.I.P.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

COINTELPRO is legal. And they're after your friends.

Big Brother is back (and he's on steroids)

1
LEIU Resistance, The Road Map & Cascadia Summer

4
Kolo Healing In Sri Lanka

6
The Next Targets

9
National Security? Why Not True Security?

10
The Peace Movement Was Right About Iraq!

11
Plowshares: Sisters Free Until Sentencing

13
Postscript: Iraq

Works In Progress
PO Box 295
Olympia, WA 98507